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Early election call by voters in latest poll

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

The Government has entered 1987 with no more than a 1 per cent lead over Labour, but with a clear majority of the British electorate wanting an election this year.

Speculation over an early election, which was encouraged at some senior levels in the Conservative Party after a pre-Christmas poll showed the Tories 8.5 per cent in the lead, is likely to be dampened by the latest MORI poll, conducted from December 27 to 30 and published in *The Sunday Times*.

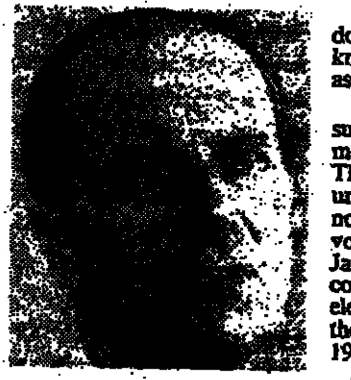
But expectations of an early contest have been allowed to build to such a degree that the Government could now suffer by not holding one.

MORI's survey of 1,825 adults in 91 constituencies disclosed that 78 per cent wanted an election in 1987 and only 16 per cent wanted to wait until 1988.

Of those questioned, 11 per cent thought the contest should be held between January and March 1987, 33 per cent wanted it between April and June, 22 per cent between July and September and 12 per cent between October and December.

Mrs Margaret Thatcher has been reluctant to consider going to the country before June at the earliest for fear of an unfavourable reaction from voters who feel that she is cutting and running by calling a contest a year before she has to. She has seen a four-year Parliament as a basic minimum.

But the evidence from this latest poll is that the electors have been conditioned already into expecting an early contest and that no such adverse reaction is likely.



Mr Tebbit: No waiting for the good weather.

The difficulty for the Government is that although the clear trend from recent polls is that the Conservatives have regained the lead and consolidated their position over the past two months that lead is still not anywhere near sufficient to risk an election.

The MORI poll put the position of the parties at Conservatives 39 per cent, Labour 38 per cent, SDP/Liberal Alliance 21 per cent and others 2 per cent.

Repeated at a general election, that would result in a hung Parliament, with the Tories 17 seats short of a majority. It would represent a 7.5 per cent swing from Conservative to Labour since the 1983 general election.

While Mr Norman Tebbit, the Conservative Party chairman, is determined to have the Conservative election machine cranked up and in full working order from April onwards there is no question of his pressing for an early election if the poll figures do not move further in the Government's favour.

Mr Tebbit's view is that you do not plan a picnic until you know that good weather is assured.

But if the polls do not move sufficiently in the Government's favour and Mrs Thatcher is forced to delay until next year there could now be adverse reaction from voters as there was when Mr James Callaghan first encouraged expectations of an election in October 1978 and then decided to wait until 1979.

Senior ministers had not believed the 8.5 per cent Tory lead measured by Gallup in mid-December, and they were not too disappointed by the weekend poll. They believe the MORI figure slightly underestimates their lead now.

A more detailed look at some of the weekend figures, calculated with the exclusion of the 15 per cent approached who said that they would not vote or would not say how, contains both good and bad news for the Government.

The bad news for Mrs Thatcher is that the Liberals and SDP appear to be recovering from their trough just in time for the planned Alliance relaunch at a jamboree planned for the end of this month.

The Tories lost 4 per cent of their support in the North, 5 per cent of their support

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Portfolio —Gold—

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Hattersley softens on tax increases

By Our Political Editor

Mr Roy Hattersley surprised some Labour colleagues yesterday by apparently pledging to make no increase in taxation beyond the £3.6 billion to be recouped from higher earners whom Labour claims have enjoyed all the benefits of government tax cuts.

Interviewed on the Radio 4's *The World This Weekend*, Labour's shadow Chancellor said that the £3.6 billion needed to meet pledges on child benefit, pensions and benefits for the long-term unemployed could be raised in a variety of ways from those higher earners. "Indeed, we could raise a good deal more than that if we wanted to."

Asked by Gordon Clough: "Why not do so?", Mr Hattersley replied: "Because I think there needs to be a proper balance in these matters.

"What we've said is that apart from the £3.6 billion which is what we need for the pensions, for child benefit and for the long-term unemployed there has to be a tax regime in this country which is more or less at the same level that it is now."

Mr Hattersley's assertion will provoke further inquiry from Treasury ministers who have costed Labour's spending promises at more than £24 billion and claimed repeatedly that a Labour Chancellor would not be able to meet them without increasing taxes. It may also disappoint the Labour left.

Labour's Shadow Cabinet will meet at Bishop's Stortford on Wednesday and Thursday to discuss in detail plans to increase employment by more than a million within two years of arriving in office and the tax measures required to support them.

Mr Hattersley said yesterday that the cost of implementing the employment programme would be about £6 billion.

Labour plans to use the meeting and the party's local government conference in Leeds early next month to switch attention away from the defence issue which has seen Labour's opinion poll lead whittled away since the summer.

One dilemma for Labour is whether to call the by-election in the marginal seat of Greenwich before or after the Budget, which is widely expected to include tax cuts.

Macmillan 'trick'

Mr Humphry Berkeley, the former Conservative MP, claims in a letter to *The Times* today that the late Harold Macmillan tricked the Tory Party into rejecting R.A. Butler and choosing Lord Home of the Hirsel in the contest for his successor in 1963.

Mr Berkeley, who has since left the party, says that Mr Macmillan gave orders to the Chief Whip of the day, Mr Martin Redmayne, to put a "vital question" to MPs.

They were asked, Mr Berkeley says: "If there is deadlock between Rab and Quintin [Lord Hailsham] would you accept Alec Home?"

Mr Berkeley claims that in a secret ballot R.A. Butler would have become Prime Minister with the "overwhelming support" of Conservative MPs, but that many MPs fell into Mr Macmillan's trap.

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President Reagan leaving the White House with his wife yesterday for the helicopter trip to the Bethesda Naval Hospital, where he will undergo prostate surgery today.

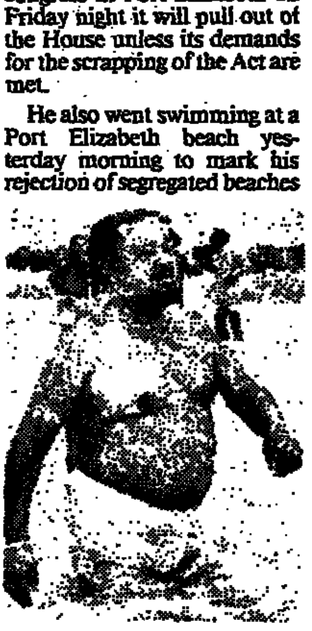
Coloured leader in clash with Botha over segregation

From Ray Kennedy, Johannesburg

The swelling argument in South Africa over the Group Areas Act, the fundamental apartheid laws which lay down where people may live, learn or be restored to health according to their colour, erupted into a fierce public row at the weekend between President P.W. Botha and the only Coloured (mixed race) member of his Cabinet, the Rev Allan Hendrickse.

Mr Hendrickse, the leader of the Labour Party in the House of Representatives, the Coloured chamber of the tricameral Parliament, told its congress in Port Elizabeth on Friday night it will pull out of the House unless its demands for the scrapping of the Act are met.

He also went swimming at a Port Elizabeth beach yesterday morning to mark his rejection of segregated beaches in holiday resorts. The police took no action.



Mr Hendrickse taking the plunge yesterday.

The Labour Party holds 77 of the 80 seats in the Coloured chamber and although the constitution provides that Parliament may still function without either the separate Coloured or Indian chambers, withdrawal would effectively destroy the Government's claim that it is not a white majority regime.

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Mr Botha sharply repudiated Mr Hendrickse on Saturday. In a statement broadcast by the state-controlled South African Broadcasting Corporation (SABC) he said that the principle of exclusive residential areas for different race groups would not be relinquished.

Furthermore, he said the Coloured leader had never made it an issue at cabinet meetings and, in fact, had asked on several occasions that the principle of own areas be applied.

The exchange is seen as an indication of the sort of campaign the Government intends waging in the whites-only general election which Mr Botha has said will be used to test voters' reaction.

It also revealed the pressure mounting on Mr Hendrickse from within the Labour Party to at least quit the Cabinet and on the Party leadership to seek alliance with more radical groups such as the United Democratic Front.

Reagan in hospital with advice on budget

From Michael Binyon Washington

Before going into hospital for a prostate operation today, President Reagan gave a warning to the new Democratic-controlled Congress at the weekend that it should not tamper with his budget, to be presented today, or pass "budget-busting legislation".

In his weekly radio address he said that his trillion-dollar 1988 budget would cut government spending while not raising taxes. It would also stay within the mandatory deficit-reduction limits of the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings law. And in a defiant message to Congress, he said: "You can't have it both ways. You cannot decry deficits and then pass budget-busting legislation."

Congress begins its 100th two-year session when it convenes on Tuesday. It is expected to challenge Mr Reagan's budget proposals immediately, especially his increase for defence spending, and to propose new taxes to cut the deficit.

Mr Reagan said that his defence budget, expected to total $312 billion, would stop a "dangerous slide" in military spending. "For the last two years defence spending, even after inflation, has dropped even while our adversaries have spent more," he said. "To let this decline continue would endanger every family in America and world peace as well."

He also proposed higher

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Referee rules collision was accidental

A Football League referee who was knocked unconscious in a controversial incident involving angry Charlton Athletic players during a first division match at Norwich on Saturday will be taking no further action.

Mr David Axcell, from Southend, who was taken to hospital for X-rays, has seen a television video of the incident and decided that it was an accidental collision.

- Luton Town officials are angry at the way some of Chelsea's notorious supporters were helped by the London's club's chairman, Mr Ken Bates, to attend Saturday's first-division game at Kenilworth Road.
- Arsenal restored their four-point lead at the top of the first division yesterday by beating Tottenham Hotspur 2-1.

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Wogan may be first victim of BBC strike

By David Sapsted

Tonight's *Wogan* chat show, which regularly attracts more than seven million viewers, is in danger of becoming the first victim of the strike by 500 electricians at BBC Television.

Although the corporation was hopeful last night that the ubiquitous Irishman would be appearing on the first of his thrice-weekly shows, a spokesman admitted there was a question mark over the programme.

"We are attempting to maintain a full service. However, live shows like *Wogan* are at risk. Other programmes, such as quiz shows, are recorded some time in advance and will not be affected for several weeks.".

No programmes have had to be cancelled so far because of the dispute, yesterday's *Match of the Day* going ahead as scheduled and news broadcasts being unaffected. Staff who are not members of the electricians' union, the EETPU, which called the strike over a 20 per cent pay pay claim, have been switching on the lights.

The only difficulty for the BBC will arise when lights have to be moved. News bulletins and today's *Blue Peter*, for example, should remain unaffected because they are broadcast from established sets which only require the power to be turned on.

EETPU members voted three to one in favour of an indefinite strike from midnight on Saturday, despite the promise by the BBC of a review which would result in an increase in basic rates for all weekly-paid staff.

Genetic fingerprinting row hits hunt for killer

Claims by ICI that it has exclusive rights to a technique of "genetic fingerprinting" will not stop the Home Office using the test in a Leicestershire double murder hunt.

The "overwhelming public need" to help the police find a murderer took precedence over a commercial dispute, the Home Office said yesterday.

Police investigating the murders of two schoolgirls, Lynda Mann and Dawn Ashworth, want to take blood and saliva samples from 2,000 males aged 16 to 34 in the villages of Enderby, Narborough and Littlesthorpe and compare them with tissue samples found on the bodies.

The test, which identifies individuals as specifically as a traditional fingerprint, has been used to prove the innocence of a man charged with the killings.

ICI is claiming that it was "the only organization with the prospect of having the technical capability and capacity" to conduct the test, involving hundreds of steps by biologists and geneticists using a special DNA probe.

Mr Tony Cox, ICI spokesman, said that the company would not impede the police investigation, but it was negotiating with the Home Office about how the tests would be conducted. He would not reveal if the company wanted royalties for its use or whether it would take legal action.

Mr Cox said the company was equipping a laboratory in Abingdon, Oxfordshire, which would be capable of handling the Leicestershire mass testing. It would be operating by March.

The company had planned to market the test for forensic, paternity and inheritance cases in the summer.

ICI had signed an exclusive agreement with the Lister Institute, whose research fellow, Dr Alex Jeffreys, of Leicester University, had discovered the DNA probe.

Two scientists from the Home Office's Central Research Establishment at Aldermaston had worked with Dr Jeffreys in developing the forensic aspects of the genetic test, the Home Office said. "The Forensic Science Service are confident that they have the capacity and competence to do case work and they have notified ICI that they intend to do so."

The service contoller had written to ICI early in December to confirm this, a spokesman said. Negotiations were continuing about the use of the test.

The Home Office said that it had been discussing with ICI about using the test to establish disputed immigration claims.

The tests in Leicestershire will be voluntary.

Blood samples from the 2,000 men would be given normal bloodgroup testing to eliminate most of them, only those remaining will need the full genetic "fingerprint" test.

Letter mix-up at centre of Guinness affair

By Lawrence Lever

A frozen bank account containing £7.6 million and a mix-up over a letter emerged yesterday at the heart of the Government's investigation into Guinness.

The inspectors are looking for any evidence that Guinness's own money has been used for an illegal purchase of its own shares. Weekend reports that Mr Olivier Roux, the Guinness finance director, had signed a cheque for £7.6 million to fund the purchase of Guinness shares, have intensified the controversy.

The share deal started when clients of Henry Ansbacher, the merchant bank, bought 2.1 million Guinness shares at the suggestion of Morgan Grenfell, the advisers to Guinness who resigned last week.

The purchase was made at the height of the Guinness bid for Distillers, with the aim of boosting Guinness's share price and therefore increasing the value of its bid for Distillers.

After the bid succeeded the shares were sold to a subsidiary of Henry Ansbacher, Down Nominees, for £7.6 million .

Last week it emerged that Guinness had transferred £7.6 million to Down Nominees, sparking off suggestions that Guinness had breached provisions of the Companies Act 1985 which make it illegal for a company to buy its own shares in certain circumstances.

The Department of Trade inspectors have already seen an acknowledgement for the £7.6 million, signed by a clerk at Henry Ansbacher. The letter is addressed to the directors of Guinness and states that the 2.1 million shares are being held "for your account".

However it emerged yesterday that the £7.6 million sent by Guinness is frozen in a bank account and has not been used. The money is being held by Down Nominees in a separate deposit bank account.

It is scheduled to be returned to Guinness as soon as Down Nominees finds a buyer for the shares.

And there was a mix-up over the letter acknowledging receipt of the money. Although the letter stated that the shares were held "for your account" it was written at a time when Ansbacher thought the money would come from Morgan Grenfell.

When the money actually came from Guinness, Ansbacher mistakenly only changed address and left the words "to your account" unchanged.

Both Ansbacher and Morgan Grenfell knew that the Guinness money was to be placed on deposit only. It was intended to fund the interest costs of the purchase of 2.1 million shares and be returned to Guinness when purchasers for the shares were found.

Guinness and Morgan Grenfell are expected to argue that by earmarking the money as a deposit — rather than for the purchase of shares — they have not breached the law.

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Soviet backing for Afghan initiative

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

The Kremlin has given its full backing to the six-month long ceasefire ordered by the Afghan leader, Dr Najib, and accused the United States of master-minding attempts to foil the latest efforts to reach a political settlement to the seven-year-old Afghan war.

A detailed analysis issued yesterday by Tass described Dr Najib's announcement of a ceasefire from January 15 and his plans for national reconciliation, including the setting up of a coalition Government of National Unity in Kabul as a bold political initiative.

The timing of Dr Najib's move following his recent talks in the Kremlin has convinced Western diplomats here that the cease-fire move was a skilfully-planned step suggested by Moscow in order to win the diplomatic initiative before the resumption of peace talks sponsored by the United Nations, due early next month.

In addition to the obvious propaganda value of the cease-fire call, it was also seen as an indication of Moscow's determination to try to find a solution to a war whose (unpublicized) Soviet casualty toll is causing increasing resentment at home.

The plan was also seen as significant in tactical terms because it followed Dr Najib's unconfirmed claim in a *Pravda* interview last week that during 1986, some 13,000 rebels had crossed over to the government side.

The diplomatic sources noted that the date for beginning the cease-fire coincided with that chosen last January by Mr Gorbachov to launch his grandiose scheme for eliminating all nuclear weapons by the year 2000. For some time, there have been rumours that Moscow planned to mark the anniversary of the speech with another kind of initiative.

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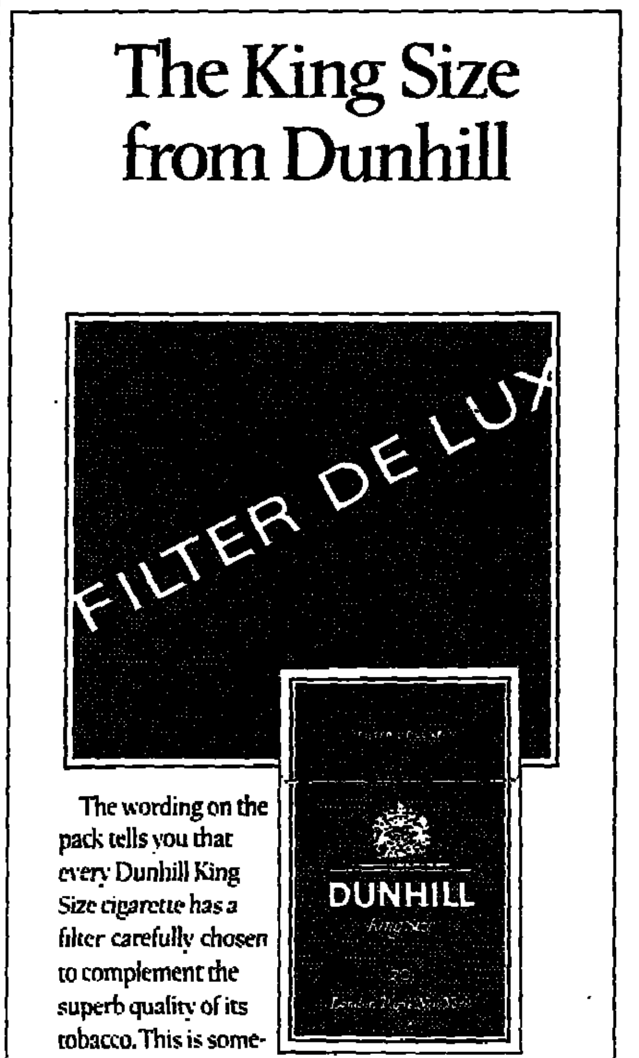

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NEWS SUMMARY

Pit fire brought under control

British Coal was confident last night that it had succeeded in putting out the underground fire at Seafield Colliery in Kirkcaldy, Fife, which has raged since New Year's Day. About 150 tons of concrete was poured into the Coronation L15 seam to form three "plugs" in an attempt to stop the flow of oxygen to the fire.

The blaze destroyed the £3.5 million L15 face but British Coal hopes that the other face, Dystart D19, has been saved, thereby avoiding the complete closure of Seafield, with the subsequent loss of nearly 820 jobs. More than 140 men were recalled to work early from the festive break in the fight to save the pit.

The colliery lost its two main faces to underground fires during the miners' strike. Another fire led to the closure of the linked Frances Colliery. A total of 1,300 jobs were lost.

Hospital beds alert

A serious shortage of nurses in London hospitals is leading to a crisis in patient care which will be worsened by harsh weather. Some hospitals may have to handle emergencies only because there are not enough acute beds.

The London Emergency Bed Service may have to call red alerts, in which hospitals postpone routine surgery.

"One such alert was called last winter and there is a strong chance that others may be necessary soon," the North West Thames health authority said yesterday.

Mr Robert Swindlehurst, operations manager at Hillingdon general hospital in west London, said: "A cold snap would swamp the beds with patients suffering from asthma, bronchitis and other chest complaints".

Flooding in Wales

Torrential rain yesterday brought fears of fresh flooding in mid-Wales.

A flood alert was issued for the Dovey, which last week burst its banks, causing the worst damage in the Machynlleth area for more *than 20 years.*

In the Channel, fishing boats, yachts on pleasure trips and a sailboarder ran into trouble in winds exceeding 40 knots.

The Hamble rescue boat saved three adults and two children from a yacht after bad weather prevented them reaching Cowes.

Gas blast inquiry

A team of British experts called in by the Irish government yesterday began their investigation into the New Year's Day gas blast which killed a couple at a block of luxury flats in Dublin.

The inquiry was ordered by Mr Dick Spring, the deputy Prime Minister, who brought in experts from a London-based firm which had investigated the Bradford stadium fire.

The results of their investigations are expected within weeks, but Mr Spring said a judicial inquiry was still a possibility.

Libel suit for Mail

Mrs Glenys Kinnock (right), wife of the Labour leader, has begun a High Court libel action against the *Daily Mail* and Geoffrey Levy, a feature writer, over an article headlined "Glenys the Menace – who is to blame as Kinnock's popularity plummets?"

The article dealt with, among other matters, Mrs Kinnock's alleged influence over her husband and with comments about a school in Brent, north London, where she has taught for several years.

Home boom 'ahead'

The construction industry is set for another boom year but the trend will still not stop house prices spiralling, *Building* magazine says. Higher incomes and readily available mortgages will be responsible, the magazine predicts.

Although the number of new houses being started in 1987 is likely to drop slightly compared with last year, the number completed is expected to rise. Most work is again likely to be in the South, where 53 per cent of houses were started in 1985.

Drive launched for more women entrepreneurs

By Robin Oakley
Political Editor

The Government is to begin a drive to encourage women to set up in business for themselves.

There has been a 42 per cent increase in women starting their own firms over the past three years and government studies have shown that they tend to stay in business more successfully than men.

The failure rate for businesses started by men is one in four, but for women it is only one in three.

Women constitute more than half the British population and provide more than 40 per cent of the working population. Britain is unusual in Europe in having a lower unemployment rate for women than for men.

Of the million new jobs created since spring 1983, women have taken more than 60 per cent and the 700,000 women now self-employed represent a quarter of the total. A third of them employ others as well.

In 1985 a third of the places on Manpower Services Commission business training courses was taken up by women. But Mr David Trippier, the minister responsible for small firms, is heading a drive to further increase the number of women entrepreneurs.

Because a number of women are still deterred from setting up in business by the particular difficulties they face in raising finance and in overcoming institutional prejudice, Mr Trippier is encouraging more women to come forward as counsellors in the government-backed Small Firms Service, and as directors of the largely autonomous Local Enterprise Agencies.

He is personally monitoring the would-be recruits to the Small Firms Service.

Mr Trippier is also putting pressure on the main clearing banks to create more women bank managers, not just as assistants to regional directors but in charge of high street branches.

He has persuaded Shell to fund jointly with the Government a research study into the particular problems women find on setting up in business, why they tend to last longer at it than men, and why those who fail do so.

It is expected that Miss Sue Birley, professor of small business research at the Cranfield Business School, will be approached to conduct it.

In 1983 there were no women counsellors in the Small Firms Service and no women directing local enterprise agencies. There are now five women in each category.

Mr Trippier's target is to have 75 women counsellors within a few years.

He is appealing to women to get in touch with him personally if they feel they have the qualifications for the work.

He said last night: "We face a problem in this country because more women are looking for work outside the home than we have ever known in our history.

"I think that we can turn this to the nation's advantage by encouraging more and more women to look on it as being their role to be employers of others rather than expect others to employ them.

"This crusade that I have started is gathering momentum, but we need more and more women to recognize that they have the potential."

Labour left 'bringing disaster to ratepayers'

By David Sapsted

Warnings by Lambeth's chief executive of an imminent collapse in council services because of political interference foreshadowed a "disaster" for ratepayers in areas controlled by left-wing Labour councillors, Mr Rhodes Boyson, Minister for Local Government, said yesterday.

There needed to be a clear definition of the relationship between the roles of elected councillors and town hall staff, he said, echoing the recommendations of last year's Widdicombe report.

Mr Boyson, who declined to comment specifically on the unprecedented clash in Lambeth between council officers and politicians, said the growing conflicts between the new breed of full-time, left-wing councillors and senior town hall staff could result only in tension and deteriorating services.

"If responsible local government officers are going to be treated by the hard left of the Labour Party as if they are fifth-class public servants instead of trustworthy partners in the running of local authorities, then there is going to be a flight from such areas of the best local government officers, which will be a disaster for their ratepayers."

Details of the confidential *memorandum submitted* by Lambeth's chief executive, Mr John George, were disclosed yesterday in *The Sunday Times*. Mr George gave a warning of an imminent financial crisis because of excessive interference by Labour councillors and local trade unionists in the work of council officers.

The memo, to the council leader, Miss Linda Bellos, said that some services would have to be severely curtailed or scrapped completely, particularly in the housing department, because political interference made it almost impossible to recruit or retain middle-management.

Mr George complained that elected members were becoming heavily involved in the day-to-day running of departments; staff were being diverted from everyday duties because of increasing requirements to attend politically-motivated courses; and that trade unions were allowed such an influential part in Lambeth decision-making that it was blurring the role between council officers and shop stewards, as well as between officers and councillors.

The situation was branded yesterday as "indicative of the chaos left-wing councillors are wreaking on *local government* in London", by Sir Geofrey Finsberg, a Conservative Party vice-chairman.

Sir Geoffrey, MP for Hampstead and Highgate and party vice-chairman with special responsibility for London, said the damage being done in Lambeth was also affecting basic council services in four other left-wing boroughs: Camden, Brent, Islington and Haringey.

"This interference is a hallmark of left-wing Labour councils in London, who decide what they are going to do according to their own political beliefs

"Instead of officers being allowed to concentrate on the running of local services, they are being sent to race meetings, women's meetings, gay and lesbian meetings, and all the rest ... all of which are totally irrelevant

"Seeing what happens in these Labour councils should make people realize what would happen if Neil Kinnock were ever to get control of central government."

Miss Bellos yesterday rejected claims of excessive interference and put the blame for Lambeth's looming financial crisis on officers.

She said Mr George's memo was a response to criticisms of officers she made last July. She blamed them for failing to come up with initiatives, including a proposal to switch staff to hard-pressed areas.

"They have refused to do that. They would rather empire-build and live in their own little corner. Is it not reasonable for elected members to know precisely what is going on ?"

Members of the Swindon Sub-Aqua Club in Wiltshire braving the freezing waters of the Thames yesterday to aid the Royal National Lifeboat Institution. They swam three miles from Inglesham to Lechlade. Last year the club raised £1,500 (Photograph: Mark Pepper).

Man in the news

Power behind Guinness

By John Bell, City Editor

Mr Olivier Roux, the French-born executive emerging into the spotlight in the Guinness controversy, is a product of a secretive, high-powered organization known to businessmen as the "KGB of management consultants".

Although a key director of Guinness, Mr Roux, aged 36, is on secondment from the US-based consultancy Bain & Co, which scours the leading universities and business schools of Europe and America for the brightest intellects. They are taken on at salaries which make graduates jump at the chance.

Mr Bill Bain, aged 48, founder and president, insists that his clients, typically multinational companies, are treated with almost obsessive secrecy. "Bainies", as employees and former employees are known in the consultancy world, are expected to agree to strict codes of secrecy.

Bain & Co specializes in advising key men at the head of corporate giants on matters of high strategy. It has offices in most of the world's leading business centres and employs more than 1,000 people.

Mr Roux and Bain & Co became involved in Guinness when Mr Ernest Saunders, the chairman, was brought in to save the group from almost certain takeover in 1981.

After years of heavy but unsuccessful investment aimed at reducing its over-dependence on a single product, black stout, Guinness was a sitting duck for a bid from one of its brewing rivals. It had a stock market value of only £90 million compared with more than £2 billion today.

Between them, Mr Roux and Mr Saunders carved *through Guinness's mass of* non-brewing operations. Inside 18 months, they closed down or sold more than 120 companies which formed the bulk of the fringe activities.

To achieve this, and to set up modern financial information systems, Mr Roux used a large number of Bain consultants. At the height of the battle for Distillers, the whisky group, Guinness was said to be using up to 50 Bain executives at an annual cost of £5 million to £8 million.

The partnership of Mr Saunders and Mr Roux developed the long-term strategy aimed at making Guinness one of the world's largest drinks-marketing groups. The first step was the acquisition of Arthur Bell, the Perth-based whisky producer. The second was the assault on Distillers.

Plea for Latin in inner city schools

By John Clare
Education Correspondent

Children in inner-city schools should be taught Latin and Greek, according to Mr George Walden, Minister for Higher Education.

He will tell a conference of university classicists meeting in Birmingham today that there is a need to set higher standards for pupils from lower-income groups, including ethnic minorities.

He suggests that the new city technology colleges, the first of which is to open in September, should start the experiment by offering Latin and Greek to their pupils

He says there is a need "to temper technological progress with a parallel emphasis on the humanities, rigorously taught". Scientific illiteracy, he says, is growing.

Mr Walden argues that the classics should be given a higher priority in all state schools. At present, they have a precarious foothold. He points out that entries to O-level Latin dropped by nearly 30 per cent between 1978 and 1985. Greek, he says, shrank "from tiny to minuscule".

Most of those studying the classics are in fee-paying schools. In practice, Mr Walden says, that means "entry to the ancient world" is confined to those whose parents "can pay at the turnstiles".

He dismisses the popular notion that the classics are irrelevant to the economy, giving statistics that show that more than half of classics graduates go into commerce, as against 30 per cent of all other graduates.

● Lancashire County Council has complained that government cuts in its allowance for repairs of schools and colleges are storing up big problems for the future.

Mrs Josie Farrington, the council's education chairman, said last night that Lancashire had been given permission to spend only £5.9 million on refurbishment work in 1987-88, compared with £12.5 million in 1986-87.

The council had asked for £18.8 million for more than 80 different projects.

Mrs Farrington said she was "shocked and disgusted" at the cuts, particularly as Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science, had been to Lancashire in September to see the county's decaying and inadequate buildings for himself.

Ruskin freedom formula attacked

By Mark Dowd, Education Reporter

Members of the governing body at Ruskin College, Oxford, are under pressure to amend a draft document on academic freedom because the Government finds it unacceptable.

The paper, compiled by three academic advisers to the college, was submitted to the Government shortly before Christmas and contains a formula aimed at avoiding a repetition of the dispute involving Mr David Selbourne, a former politics tutor.

Mr Selbourne is suing for constructive dismissal and defamation and accuses the college of failing to safeguard his academic freedom after students boycotted his lectures following an article he wrote for *The Times* in March 1986.

Mr George Walden, Under-Secretary of State for Education, has studied the draft formula and is understood to be unhappy with what he sees as a number of contradictory elements.

For example, although the paper asserts that tutors should be free to talk and write on academic matters, it contains the caveat that they must accept the college's (trade union) values.

Moreover, he is also thought to be less than pleased with part of the document which says that tutors who express unorthodox opinions cannot expect to be popular with students and academic colleagues.

Mr Walden said yesterday: "Academic freedom is not something that can be fudged. You either have it or you don't. It is a commitment that must be expressed in practice as well as in principle."

However, contrary to some reports, Mr Walden is not expected to make a final pronouncement on the blueprint later this week.

He now hopes that when members of the college executive meet early in the new term, they will table amendments to the advisers' proposals to bring the document more into line with government thinking on the issue.

Police aim to reverse fall in vital 'Specials

Avon and Somerset Constabulary launches an unprecedented recruitment drive tomorrow to reverse the falling numbers of "Specials".

The force is entitled to 800 volunteers but has only 480 because of dissatisfaction with training and organization. A review published last year noted that a quarter of recruits found the work had not lived up to expectations.

The "Specials" are involved in duties such as patrolling, neighbourhood watch schemes and attending processions and football matches for a minimum of four hours a month.

Catholic fears over Ulster petition

The door-to-door collection of signatures for a petition demanding a referendum on the Anglo-Irish agreement continued in Northern Ireland over the weekend, in spite of allegations that it would be seen as intimidation.

The Ulster Unionist Party's petition to the Queen was launched in Belfast on Friday when 13 "loyalist" MPs, including Mr James Molyneaux, leader of the Official Unionists, and the Rev Ian Paisley, head of the Democratic Unionists, signed the first forms.

Allegations by the Social Democratic and Labour Party and the Alliance Party that door-to-door canvassing was intimidatory have been rejected by the Unionists, who said that only responsible party workers would be involved.

Mr John Cushnahan, the Alliance leader, said he feared that paramilitaries would become involved and that "many people will regard visits to their homes as intimidatory acts".

"Bearing in mind the threats that have been issued in the past against those who support the agreement, people will be frightened to refuse to sign in case their refusal will be noted by more sinister elements," Mr Cushnahan said.

Mr Dennis Haughey, for the SDLP, said that many Roman Catholic families living in largely Protestant areas were afraid of being bullied and threatened on their doorsteps.

Mr Molyneaux dismissed the criticisms and said there was no question of any blacklists being kept of people who declined to sign. In any case, he said, the main thrust for the collection of signatures would be Petition Day.

A spokesman for Mr Paisley's Democratic Unionists said that those criticizing the doorstep canvassing were using smear tactics in suggesting that intimidatory methods would be used.

● A Roman Catholic couple and their daughter, aged 16, were released from hospital in Belfast yesterday morning after overnight treatment for injuries received when their house in the suburb of Dunmurry was petrol-bombed on Saturday night.

Police believe the motive for the attack was sectarian.

Missing swan leads to tests for radiation

Siberian swans at a wildfowl park in Gloucester are to be tested for radioactivity this week in an unprecedented experiment which may provide clues to the disappearance of a bird that has migrated there for 23 years (Guy Ker writes).

Scientists at the Central Electricity Generating Board's nuclear plant at Berkeley near by are to carry out the tests, which were requested by the Slimbridge Wildfowl Trust.

Staff at the trust want to determine whether a Bewick Swan called Launcelot fell victim to radiation along its migratory route through areas of central Russia known to be contaminated by fall-out from the Chernobyl disaster.

Fears for Launcelot were raised when the bird failed to arrive with the main flock in October. The arrival on Boxing Day of Elaine, its recent consort, with Percival, its grandson, convinced staff that the perennial visitor is dead.

Mr Tony Richardson, assistant curator at the sanctuary established by Sir Peter Scott in 1946, said that although the arrival of the rest of the flock meant it was extremely unlikely that Chernobyl had caused the death of Launcelot.

Launcelot probably died from old age or became senile and got lost. "But our research department here wanted to have the tests done out of interest and it gives us a chance to establish whether the birds have been affected by radioactivity."

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Early election call by voters in latest poll

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among the crucial skilled working class and 6 per cent of their support in the 18-34 age group, compared with the previous month.

Labour lost 7 per cent of its support in the unskilled working class and 4 per cent of its support in the 55-plus age group and in the north.

The Alliance won 5 per cent more support among the over-55s and among unskilled workers and gained an extra 7 per cent in the north.

The good omens for Mrs Thatcher are that two months ago only 19 per cent of the public expected economic conditions to improve over the next year. That is now up to 28 per cent.

Before the Tories won the June 1983 election so convincingly the comparable economic expectation figures were 23 per cent in February, 31 per cent in March, 36 per cent in April and 39 per cent in May.

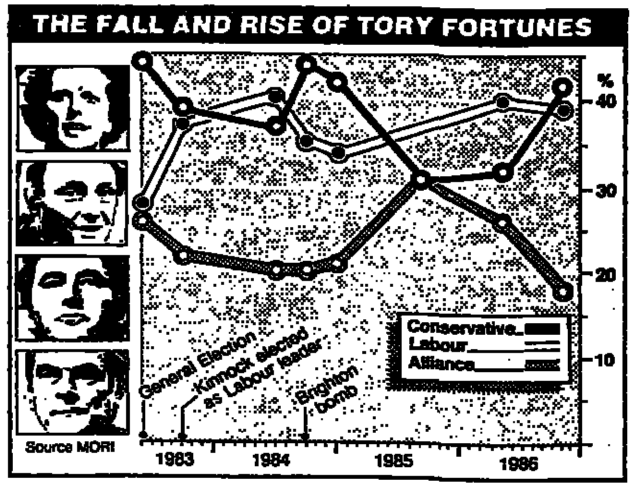
Though the MORI poll will have helped to steady Labour morale the detailed figures will give Mr Kinnock and his colleagues plenty to think about at their two-day Shadow Cabinet strategy meeting at Bishops Stortford.

The evidence suggests that Labour's defence policy is alienating the party's older working class supporters, many of whom live in the north.

Labour's performance improved only among the 18-34 age group, who are more attracted by the unilateralist stance. But while 80 per cent of pensioners vote less than half of the 18-24 age group *usually do so and only a third* said they were certain to in a recent survey.

The MORI poll measured unemployment as the most important issue facing Britain.

THE FALL AND RISE OF TORY FORTUNES



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The graph shows the high and low points of Conservative poll support measured by MORI in each year since 1983. The election lead of 16 per cent over Labour fell to 2 per cent on Mr Neil Kinnock's election as party leader and the next year Labour moved ahead.

In 1984, the Tories recaptured the lead after the bomb at their Brighton conference and held it into 1985. By Sept 1985, however, they were 6 per cent behind Labour. By May 1986 the gap had stretched to an 8 per cent Labour lead. But by last November the Conservatives were ahead once again by a 2 per cent margin.

Sixth round underway with featureless draws

By Harry Golombek, Chess Correspondent

The clearance of adjourned and round five games in the foreign and colonial Hastings Grandmaster chess tournament was completed over the weekend leaving players free to concentrate on round six.

There were three early featureless draws in the round yesterday. Kudrin v Lputian; Adorjan v Petursson and Gufeld v Chiburdanidze.

The other game, between Speelman and Plaskett, showed much more determination to fight and was agreed a draw after 35 moves.

Round five results: Gufeld ½ Kudrin ½; Chiburdanidze ½ Mestel ½; Hodgson ½ Speelman ½; Plaskett ½ Adorjan ½; Petursson 1 Large 0; Conquest 0 Larsen 1; Chandler ½ Lputian ½.
Round six: Kudrin ½ Lputian ½; Adorjan ½ Petursson ½; Speelman ½ Plaskett ½; Gufeld ½ Chiburdanidze ½.

The games Larsen v Chandler, Large v Conquest and Mestel v Hodgson were adjourned. Larsen has a strong attack against Chandler.

Conquest should win easily after the adjournment against Large but Mestel v Hodgson is a rook and pawns ending which could last some time.

Adjourned game results: Round one: Chiburdanidze 0 Larsen 1. Round three: Plaskett 1 Larsen 0. Round four: Kudrin ½ Chandler ½; Lputian 1 Conquest 0; Large ½ Plaskett ½; Adorjan 1 Hodgson 0.

Scores at the end of round six: Lputian 4½; Chandler and Larsen 3½ and one adjourned; Adorjan 3½; Chiburdanidze, Gufeld, Kudrin, Speelman 3; Mestel 2½ and one adjourned; Petursson 2½; Hodgson, Large, Plaskett 2 and one adjourned; Conquest ¼.

GPs get guidelines on Aids risk to patients who holiday overseas

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

Family doctors have been sent government guidelines on how to advise patients to avoid the risk of catching Aids while abroad. Travel agents are also being asked to issue information leaflets warning of the risks.

Travellers are given a warning that in the United States infection rates are "very much higher" among homosexuals and drug abusers than in Britain, and that in some central and east African cities "most female prostitutes are infected".

Government officials and health experts are worried that the disease will be caught by business travellers and holidaymakers through sexual contact, blood transfusions, and contaminated equipment.

Mr Norman Fowler, the Secretary of State for Social Services, is to visit San Francisco and other US cities later this month to study the responses of American health authorities to the Aids threat.

The latest advice says that blood transfusions which come from local donors in central Africa should be avoided, "except as a lifesaving measure", because the blood may not have been screened for antibodies to the Aids virus.

In some high-risk areas, sterilization procedures are inadequate, according to advice to GPs from Dr Iain Macdonald, chief medical officer at the Scottish Home and Health Department.

"In such areas there is an important additional danger of spread during medical, dental or surgical procedures involving needles and other equipment," he has said in a letter to all Scottish doctors.

"Unprotected casual sex with locals is risky and is to be avoided."

The British Medical Association has urged that travellers should be fully informed of all the Aids risks they may face while abroad.

The BMA is opposed to screening overseas visitors to Britain, believing this to be impractical, a view also held by the Government and the World Health Organization.

"Returning British nationals who have had sexual intercourse, tattooing, acupuncture, other skin puncture or treatment with blood or blood products abroad may be as likely to be infected as foreign visitors," the BMA said.

"All travellers should be provided with information on how the risks of transmission of infection can be avoided."

Dr Richard Dawood, editor of *Travellers' Health*, said yesterday: "Heterosexual spread of Aids is a growing problem and has been found among prostitutes in every continent.

"The way people behave when they go abroad is more important in determining their risk of Aids infection than where they go.

"We have reached the stage where it is dangerous to indulge in casual sex, either homosexually or heterosexually.

"In countries where there is a higher incidence of Aids than in Britain, such as North America and some African states, the only safe measure for travellers must be abstinence," he said.

● A leukaemia sufferer given a blood transfusion in a Glasgow hospital has contracted the Aids virus because of a loophole in the screening system.

Tests of the donor blood failed to show signs of the virus because there is an incubation period during which traces of the infection are not detectable.

The patient, a young man, was receiving a bone marrow transplant at Glasgow Royal Infirmary when the infection was discovered.

The "window" when the virus is undetectable was thought to last about three months, Dr Ruthven Mitchell, director of the Glasgow blood transfusion service, said yesterday.

The tests were being continually improved, and it was likely that eventually they would be developed to the point where the virus was immediately detectable, he said.

● The TUC today calls for a major programme of action to combat Aids – including the possible checking of everybody admitted to hospital to see if they are carrying the virus.

Many hospitals already assume that those taken to casualty departments have hepatitis 'B' until proved otherwise, the TUC stated in evidence to a Commons social services committee inquiry into Aids' problems.

The unions want a review of all working practices in the health and social services, more hospitals and hospices and extra training to deal with the disease.

They also seek full protection of employment rights of Aids patients and carriers; no discrimination against high-risk groups.

Clutching a teddy, Laura Glover, aged 10, prepares to launch her Pooh-stick into the Thames from the bridge at Little Wittenham in Oxfordshire yesterday where, in spite of the rain and wind, 240 adults and children took part in the annual race, held over a course of 10 yards and immortalized by A A Milne in Winnie the Pooh. The event raised £220 for the Royal National Lifeboat Institution (Photograph: Nick Rogers).

Charities face TV curbs

Significant changes to the way charities can raise money on television and radio are likely to be implemented despite serious misgivings from organizations and individuals concerned with the issue, the National Council for Voluntary Organizations indicated yesterday.

There was evidence to show that fund raising on television would allow charities to tap a rich new vein of the public's cash and the move to attain that goal was gathering momentum, Mr Derek Lowman, the organization's liaison officer for legal and fund-raising services, said.

Mr Lowman was commenting on the Independent Broadcasting Authority's review of the rule which prohibits paid advertisements appealing directly for money on commercial television and radio.

There is support for change from influential quarters, though with more than 140,000 registered charities sharing a combined annual income of more than £10 billion, the issue is not simple.

Some of Britain's larger charities are determined to be allowed to spend their money on direct appeals for funds.

They have stepped up pressure for change after witnessing the spectacular power of television during Bob Geldof's triumphant fund-raising campaign for Band Aid in 1985.

But even impartial associations and smaller charities believe some relaxation to the authority's rules will be inevitable.

Among several of the larger charities pushing for change is Oxfam.

Mr Sam Clarke, Oxfam's director of central fund raising, said that it was possible to purchase advertising time on radio for as little as £20.

"I think that it is really about using fixed charity expenditure to the maximum effect and there will be times when its best for a charity to advertise on television.

But some charities are uneasy about "going commercial" to the extent that is implied when television advertising and corporate sponsorship are mentioned.

Mrs Norma Corkish, director of the Association for Speech Impaired Children, said that smaller charities would either be squeezed out of the picture, or face the prospect of an uneasy alliance with commercial backers.

Museum decay

Plea to end tatty displays

By Robin Young

Britain's museums are suffering damage and decay due to underfunding, according to a report prepared by the Association of First Division Civil Servants, which includes senior museum staff among its members.

The union reports that museum buildings are in urgent need of repair, national treasures are being dispersed, and exhibitions are old-fashioned and poorly presented.

It also claims that staff cuts are limiting public access and threatening standards of scholarship.

Among the catalogue of curators' complaints, the report says that the British Museum needs up to £4 million to strengthen its floors and renew its electric ring mains. It still has to replace areas of roofing damaged in the Second World War.

The Victoria & Albert Museum, which suffered damage estimated at £250,000 when inadequate repair work resulted in a flood, still needs £26 million for repairs, the report says.

The roof of the main building of the National Museum of Scotland also needs total overhaul for lack of maintenance.

The report, entitled *A Stitch in Time*, says that most of Britain's national museums and galleries are nineteenth century buildings whose maintenance is becoming increasingly costly.

"Damage to objects housed in inadequately maintained or unmodernized structures can be dramatic", the report says.

It adds that the real value of the museums' and galleries' purchase grants has halved since 1981. Economies have prevented the purchase of important pieces.

About 27 million people a year visit Britain's nationally funded museums and galleries, but the report suggests that dingy and depressing buildings and "tatty and ageing exhibitions" keep the numbers down.

The union calls for longer opening hours so that working people can visit museums and art galleries more easily, closer collaboration with schools and universities, and more regional exhibitions.

It also wants the abolition of entrance charges where they have been introduced, and representation on the boards of trustees for consumer representatives.

At the British Museum yesterday visitors found more than half the sculptures from the Parthenon in Room VIII screened with boarding, protecting the frieze while emergency repairs are carried out overhead.

Sir Roy Strong, creating an Ashley image for V&A.

Two further rooms (No 72 and 73) are closed for refurbishment as part of the museum's rolling maintenance programme.

Visitors from overseas, though, felt that many of Britain's museums compared well with those in their homelands.

"This has not got the glitz of the Metropolitan", Mr Jay Loewenstein, from New York, said at the British Museum, "but it has the edge in the sheer bulk of its treasures, and the surroundings are perfectly pleasant".

Professor Guido Sandrelli, from Florence, said: "Britain's museums are marvellous compared to many in Italy, some of which are actually closed because they are in danger of falling down".

For the past year Britain's nine leading museums and galleries have been allowed to keep any extra revenue raised from admissions charges or donations, restaurants, shops and bookstalls, without prejudicing their government grants.

Increases in Civil Service pay rates, though, have usually outstripped the increases in maintenance grants which have themselves, in some years, only been achieved at the expense of purchase grants.

Wages and salaries are by far the largest element in the museums' maintenance bills.

Last month the Government announced a £250,000 grant to encourage modern market research and advanced publicity methods in marketing museums and galleries.

Mr Neil Cossons, appointed director of the Science Museum from the National Maritime Museum at Greenwich where he introduced admission charges, aims to double the income generated from his new charge to £1 million over the next two years.

Sir Roy Strong, of the V&A, another pioneer of admission charges, has also launched V&A Enterprises with the avowed aim of being "the Laura Ashley of the 1990s", marketing the museum's stock of design material through shops.

Portfolio —Gold—

New Year 'dividend' for broker

"What a marvellous start to 1987," the sole winner of Saturday's Portfolio Gold prize of £4,000 said yesterday.

Mr James Gray, aged 52, of Biggar, near Edinburgh, said that his whole family was delighted at his stroke of good fortune and the money would be much appreciated.

"My daughter Arianne is getting married this summer and I'm sure the money will come in useful. I dare say it will stretch to buying a holiday for my other two daughters as well. What super news."

Mr Gray, who is a stockbroker, has been playing Portfolio since it started and has been a reader of *The Times* for 30 years: "I'd almost given up hope of winning," he said.

There was no winner of the weekly Portfolio prize of £8,000 last week.

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Presley theme park set for Welsh village

Four fans of Elvis Presley have reportedly sold their homes to raise £1 million to create a theme park to honour the singer in the village of Bwlchgwyn, near Wrexham.

Mr Vince Everett, the driving force behind the project, has collected Presley memorabilia for a museum to be housed in a public house in the North Wales village, and land has been bought for a motel.

The four behind the project are an architect, a financial consultant, a caterer and Mr Everett, who first met his idol in 1958 in West Germany and regularly visited Presley's Memphis home.

Patient killed in car crash

Mr Francis Wilson, aged 48, a mentally handicapped resident of a council hostel in Cheltenham, has died in a collision with a car driven by Police Constable Malcolm Gaskill, who was off duty at the time.

The accident happened on a bypass outside Swindon to which Mr Wilson had apparently hitched or walked.

UDM recruits

Ten Welsh slate quarrymen from Blaenau Ffestiniog, North Wales, where there was a bitter seven-month strike last year involving the transport workers' union, have joined the breakaway Union of Democratic Mineworkers.

Pay campaign

A campaign of lightning, one-hour stoppages by 1,200 workers at Bernard Matthews' turkey processing plants in Norfolk and Suffolk begins today over a 6.5 per cent pay offer which they have rejected.

Mentally ill 'left on street'

By Guy Ker

A demand that the Department of Health and Social Security launch an immediate inquiry into the shortage of housing for the mentally ill is made today by MIND, the mental health charity.

In a pamphlet published to coincide with the United Nations International Year of Shelter for the Homeless, the organization claims that inadequate stocks of decent accommodation are forcing thousands of people with mental health problems on to the streets or back into care.

People suffering from serious mental disorders, including schizophrenia and psychosis, as well as relatively minor afflictions, can lead comparatively normal lives in the community with the help of drug treatment and psychotherapy, according to Mr Chris Heginbotham, MIND's national director.

He said that government cutbacks in housing meant that there were fewer homes available for a growing pool of homeless, and the mentally ill were nearly always the last to qualify for decent accommodation.

"Housing is a crucial component of local mental health services, yet housing investment has borne the brunt of government cutbacks. Without urgent action more people with mental health problems will end up on the streets, sleeping rough or in sub-standard housing."

The organization says that, in 1984, more than 100,000 social-security claimants were estimated to be living in temporary housing, while thousands more slept on the streets. Many had a history of psychiatric problems.

'Squatters' launch year of homeless

By Charles Knevitt, Architecture Correspondent

A homeless family will be squatting in a mock-up of bed and breakfast accommodation at the headquarters of the Royal Institute of British Architects in London today, to mark the launch of the United Nations International Year of Shelter for the Homeless.

Lord Scarman, the United Kingdom president of the Year, will launch the campaign with Mr Rod Hackney, president-elect of the Institute, and Mr Terry Waite, the Archbishop of Canterbury's special envoy.

The official number of homeless people in England will be about 100,000 this year, double the level of 1978, with an unknown number in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. The figure also excludes most single homeless people and childless couples.

The campaign is intended to highlight the plight of the homeless and raise funds for demonstration projects both in the UK and abroad.

Mr Hackney called yesterday for the Government to have confidence in local communities, who could solve their own housing problems, given the right advice and access to resources.

Local people should be involved in design and management decisions and building activity should involve the community.

"Housing should become the centre of public debate in what is likely to be an election year," he said.

"Among the developed countries, homelessness in Britain is second only to the problem in the United States. The problem is particularly acute in the north of the country."

The campaign has received a lukewarm response from the Government, which has indicated that it does not see homelessness as a big problem.

However, it is planning new laws to force local authorities to repair vacant property. There are 112,000 empty council houses and flats in England, about 28,000 of them in London.

The councils claim that they cannot afford to repair the property because of government cash limits.

Lord Scarman is likely to call today for increased capital investment in housing and an end to the use of bed and breakfast accommodation for all but a temporary measure.

Last year more than 200,000 households applied to local authorities in England for housing under the Homeless Persons Act, which marks its 10th anniversary in 1987.

Mr Jeff Rooker, Labour housing spokesman, claims that there are 545,000 homes empty in the private sector, almost five times the number of local authority houses vacant.

● One in eight of all children in Britain lives in one-parent families, and half of those are on supplementary benefit, according to a new fact sheet published by the Family Policies Study Centre.

There are 1 million one-parent families with dependent children in Britain, and the proportion has risen from 8 per cent of families in 1971, to 14 per cent in 1985, the centre says.

The largest increase has been in families headed by a divorced mother – in 1985 they made up 40 per cent of all lone mothers.

'Foolish' trio rescued

Three men in a boat who became trapped in an underground canal tunnel when their dinghy sank have been called "very foolish" by police.

Their inflatable sank in the Standedge Canal tunnel, running from Marsden, near Huddersfield, to Diggle, Manchester, which is part of the Huddersfield Narrow Canal travelling beneath the Pennines.

Peter Meads, aged 22, of East Street, New Mill, near Huddersfield, and John Batty, aged 44, of Royds Avenue, New Mill, waited on a ledge inside the disused three-mile tunnel as John Wilson, aged 16, of Royds Avenue, New Mill, swam for help.

Police, fire, ambulance and water board officials arrived on the scene and the stranded pair were rescued by a water board boat. None of the men was hurt.

A spokesman for West Yorkshire police said: "It must have been darned cold in there."

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Taste for unusual holidays

By David Sapsted

Britons are taking more second holidays each year and often most unusual ones, according to a guide published today.

Everything from Dracula hunts to "murder weekends" is enjoying a boom in popularity as people seek offbeat activities.

A spokesman for the English Tourist Board, which today publishes its guide, *Activity and Hobby Holidays, England '87*, said that people are increasingly choosing an activity holiday for their second break.

While the 128-page guide includes hot-air ballooning, climbing, walking, potholing and hang-gliding, the widening taste for the more unusual, such as fighting mock battles, is not ignored.

However, less demanding activities such as wine and cookery courses are given.

The guide also lists members of the British Activity Holiday Association, formed last February to monitor and improve safety and instruction standards in the more adventurous pursuits.

Jet lag research

Tests give hope of cure for travellers

By Our Science Correspondent

A pill that cures jet lag could become available within the next few years after remarkable results obtained in tests with transatlantic volunteers.

Research into the effects of melatonin, a natural substance produced in the brain, indicate that supplements of it can overcome the symptoms which disrupt the sleep and behaviour of intercontinental air travellers.

The work, by scientists at the Surrey University, has attracted the interest of airlines, which want to protect their pilots and cabin crews against jet lag. The commercial potential of such a pill is enormous, they believe.

In recent tests, a group of volunteers travelled from Britain to San Francisco, where they stayed for two weeks. Before returning, half were given doses of melatonin wile the others were given a placebo.

Neither group knew which tablets were which. Their patterns of sleep and their mental and physical alertness were studied after they returned, and the results showed that none of those who had been given melatonin suffered jet lag.

The experiment is disclosed in the television programme *Horizon* due to be broadcast this evening on BBC2.

The research into the substance is being carried out by three biochemists at Surrey University, Dr Andrew Symons, Dr Anthony Poulton and Dr Josephine Arendt.

Melatonin levels, which affect sleep rhythms in both animals and humans, are influenced by light. The levels alter with the seasons because of the effect of longer or shorter periods of daylight.

Research suggests that a melatonin pill compensates travellers whose rhythms have been disrupted by crossing time zones.

"Jet lag occurs because the body is confused. It thinks it is daylight when it is dark, and night time during the day," Dr Symons said yesterday. "By putting volunteers in San Francisco on melatonin a few days before they flew home, we were trying to set their body clocks back to London time."

Further studies and more research will have to be carried out before a commercial product is marketed, but "the prospects are very exciting". Dr Symons said. "There's still a lot of work to be done and we need more funding," he said.

Fares cut challenge by UK airlines

By Robin Young

Two British airlines, British Caledonian and Air Europe, plan to start services to Rome and Copenhagen next month with fares around one-fifth lower than those charged at present.

The airlines say they will take legal action if the rival carriers, Alitalia and SAS, try to stop them.

The British companies have the backing of the European Commission, which has warned Europe's leading airlines that their bilateral agreements fixing fares, passenger volume and routes breach the EEC's rules on competition.

The planned services to Rome and Copenhagen have been given British clearance. BCal also wants to introduce lower priced services to Stockholm, Athens and Oslo, and Air Europe wants to start cheaper flights to France and Germany.

The European Court confirmed in a test case last year that airlines are subject to the competition rules, but several efforts by the British Government to get EEC transport ministers to agree even a modest measure of airline competition have failed.

Italy and Denmark are among those that have fought hardest to protect their national airlines from competition, although Spain, Greece and Portugal have also been stiff opponents.

● Dan-Air is putting up domestic economy fares by 5 per cent today, but is to introduce lower Super-Apex fares on Gatwick services to Aberdeen, Belfast and Newcastle, and flights between Heathrow and Inverness.

Test-tube triplets expected

A couple who have been trying to have children for 17 years expect to become the parents of triplets next month.

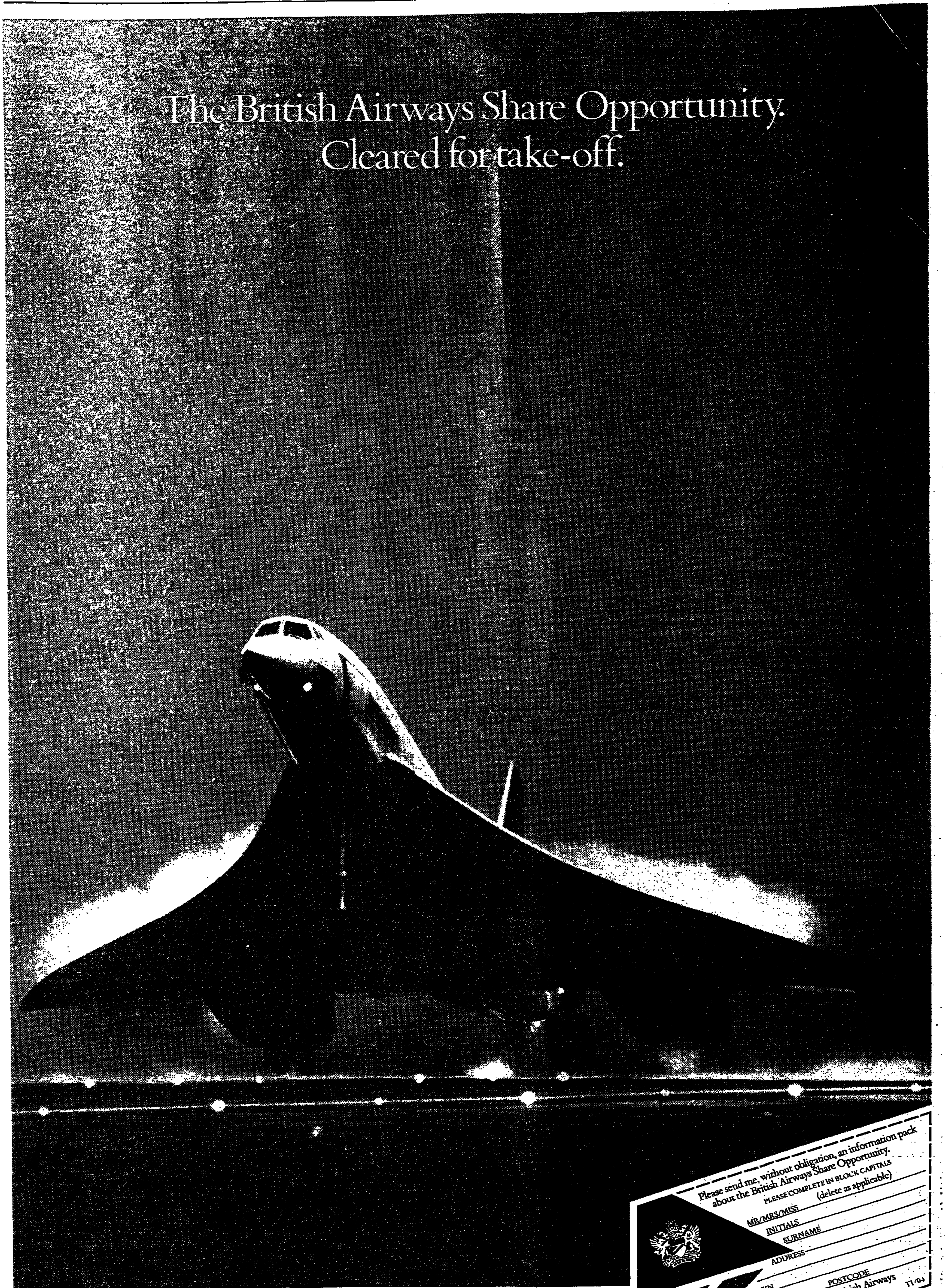
Mrs Jackie Swain, aged 35, of Cronton, near Widnes, Lancashire, has completed five in-vitro fertilization (IVF) courses which have required her to spend long periods in hospital every year during the past decade.

During the last attempt, seven months ago, a team of surgeons at St Mary's Hospital, Manchester removed a number of eggs from Mrs Swain's blocked fallopian tubes. These were fertilized in test tubes and implanted back the next day after incubation.

Four fertilized eggs were implanted but Mrs Swain lost one foetus early in the pregnancy.

Mr Eric Swain, aged 47, a site engineer, said the triple birth was expected to take place in mid-February.

Hundreds of test tube babies have been born since Dr Patrick Steptoe delivered Louise Brown in 1978, but the chances of successful in-vitro fertilization are still regarded as slim.



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Satellite broadcasting: 1

TV free-for-all from space a 'licence to risk money'

In the first of three articles on the prospects for direct-to-home television broadcasting by satellite, ***Jonathan Miller, Media Correspondent,*** *finds the competition is likely to be intense.*

Lord Thomson of Fleet once described a commercial television franchise as a licence to print money.

The franchise awarded this month by the Independent Broadcasting Authority to launch Britain's direct broadcasting satellite (DBS) is merely a licence to risk it – on a scale unprecedented in the television industry in Britain or anywhere else.

It is expected that establishing the British DBS system will require an investment of between £500 and £600 million, or £25 to £30 for every one of Britain's 20 million television-equipped households.

There is no guarantee that the investment will be profitable. Terrestrial commercial television franchises are given as monopolies. In the case of DBS, the franchise is far from being exclusive.

In the next few years, a flock of new satellites is to be launched over Europe, setting the stage for fierce competition for the loyalty of viewers and the expenditure of advertisers.

It was a telling coincidence that the day before the IBA awarded the British franchise, the Irish government awarded a contract to Atlantic Satellites, which is 80 per cent owned by a subsidiary of the American corporation General Motors, to launch a similar satellite, with the capability of beaming programmes across Britain.

Next year, French and German DBS satellites are expected to be launched, with a strong chance that at least some of the programmes will be transmitted in English.

In the next few years, those satellites are likely to be joined by several others.

Some experts believe that Europe may be heading for a glut of satellites. "The market is just not as large as entrepreneurs and national policymakers would like to think", according to Mr Jeffrey Cunard, author of a study on international communications competition published by the International Institute of Communications.

Nevertheless, DBS represents the most potent system of television distribution yet devised. From their lofty parking spaces high above the Equator, DBS spacecraft are able to beam television signals over a vast area.

Unlike cable television, which requires the physical connection of each subscribing household to a central distribution hub, and terrestrial television, which relies on a network of scores of relay stations, the DBS approach cuts out the middleman.

All that is needed to watch the programmes is a special receiving aerial, called a satellite dish, that is expected to be available by 1990 for £200 or less.

On the day that the British Satellite Broadcasting System goes into operation, the picture will be simultaneously available to everyone in Britain who has bought such a dish, and to much of continental Europe as well.

The new effort to get DBS off the ground in Britain is the third of its kind. In 1982, the BBC tried to launch a DBS system but pulled out when it felt unable to take on the risks of the venture. The IBA subsequently tried to put together a consortium of 21 broadcasting and media groups to take over the BBC project.

That collapsed amid concerns about the financial viability of the scheme.

In the United States, many efforts have been made to start DBS services. All have come to nothing so far. The only country in the world to have implemented a DBS scheme is Japan, where it has been done with government money

Consumer demand for DBS is unknown and forecasts about it are necessarily speculative.

British Satellite Broadcasting, the consortium of Granada, Pearson, Virgin, Amstrad and Anglia Television that received the IBA award, forecasts that within a year of launching its service, it will have 400,000 customers, and that within eight to 10 years, half of Britain will be watching satellite television.

Others believe that the growth will come more slowly. Professor Alan Budd, of the London Business School, in a recent report to the directors of Channel 4, forecast that by 1992 the three DBS channels would together take only 3 per cent of the present television audience.

Tomorrow: Programmes.

The Rt Rev Richard Rutt, Bishop of Leicester, aged 61, who is a keen knitter, at work during the weekend on his latest creation. Beside him is one of the two mitres he has completed and which he wears regularly (Photograph: Philip Dunn).

Branson clean-up 'a Tory gimmick'

Mr Richard Branson's campaign to clean up Britain has been dismissed as a Conservative Party gimmick by the Labour Party and union leaders.

UK 2000 was launched six months ago by Mr Branson, head of the Virgin company, which specializes in pop music and travel. The idea was to use young unemployed people to clean up Britain's streets, and improve derelict and inner city areas.

It has met hostility from trade unionists, who see it as a way of using cheap labour, and from local authorities, who are responsible for cleaning the streets.

Mr Roland Boyers, a Labour environmental spokesman, dismissed the project as a Tory gimmick. "Mrs Thatcher saw the rubbish and, instead of giving more money to local authorities, she gets some guy who sells pop records to do it."

Mr Alan Jinkinson, deputy general secretary of the local government union Nalgo, said the project, which was no more than a publicity stunt, had failed.

The organizers of UK 2000 deny that it has been a failure. They say clean-up operations are planned for Victoria and Waterloo stations in London, and along the river Thames.

Cash limits lower for road contracts

By Rodney Cowton, Transport Correspondent

The Department of Transport is stepping up its requirements for local authorities to put highway work out to tender.

At present local authorities are required to put out to tender any road-building or maintenance contracts worth more than £50,000. That limit was set in 1982 when the threshold was reduced from £100,000.

But now Mr John Moore, Secretary of State for Transport, has announced that from April the threshold level will be reduced again to £25,000.

In addition, local authorities are required to seek competition on 30 per cent of their roadworks projects worth less than the threshold level.

The Government had proposed that this proportion should be increased to 60 per cent, but after consultations has postponed any action on this point.

M WATCH

Major roadworks from today until next Monday:

All the main roadworks which were suspended over the Christmas and new year period resume today.

London and South-east

M11 London: New road layout and reconstruction work continues at Redbridge roundabout.

M2 Kent: Contraflow between junctions 5 and 6 (Sittingbourne/Faversham), and single-line traffic between junctions 6 and 7 (Faversham/Canterbury).

M25 Surrey: Exit slip road from clockwise carriageway at junction 13 (Staines) being widened.

M275 Hampshire: Flyover construction between junction with M27 and Rudmore roundabout, Portsmouth.

Midlands

M5 Hereford and Worcester: One lane open northbound and two south-bound between junctions 5 and 6 (Droitwich/Worcester north). The northbound entry slip at junction 6 is also closed.

M5 West Midlands: Various lane restrictions and some overnight carriageway closures between junctions 4 and 8 (Bromsgrove/M50 South Wales).

North

M1 South Yorkshire: Repair work between junctions 31 and 33 (A57 Worksop and A630 Rotherham). Slip road closures at junctions 31 and 32 (M18 interchange). Until end of January.

M6 Lancashire: Contraflow operating between junctions 29 and 32 (A6 Preston/M55 interchange).

M61: Blackcow Bridge, Lancashire, construction work at M6 interchange. Lane closures both directions.

M63: Greater Manchester. Link road from A34 to M63 southbound reduced to single lane.

M63: Barton Bridge, Greater Manchester. Major widening scheme. Lane restrictions and slip road closures between junctions 1 and 7 (Eccles interchange/A56 Stretford). Severe delays at times.

Wales and the West

No motorway work currently in progress.

Scotland

M8: Glasgow. Construction work between junctions 15 and 17 (city centre and Dumbarton) until March.

M74: Barrier repairs south of junction 10 (B7078). Outside lane closed in both directions.

M74: Lesmahagow. Roadworks north of Lesmahagow between junctions 2 and 1.

Information compiled and supplied by AA Roadwatch.

Other roadworks, page 20

Moor road decision challenged

A county conservation trust is challenging a decision to build a road across one of the rarest types of habitat in Europe.

The decision on the North Devon link road across Hare's Down and Knowstone Moors, near Tiverton, contravenes the Council of Europe's Berne Convention, to which Britain is a signatory, by destroying an endangered habitat, the Devon Trust says.

The trust is calling on the Department of the Environment to reconsider the route.

The 300-acre lowland-heathland area, a Site of Special Scientific Interest, has a collection of plants rarely found elsewhere, and is the home of many rare birds.

Miss Caroline Steel, the trust's conservation officer, said yesterday that at the public inquiry into the road it was not realized that the decision contravened the Berne Convention.

The department refused to take its mistake to the annual meeting of the convention last month, even though its own agency, the Nature Conservancy Council, wanted to do so.

The road may be started before the next meeting.

Cash call to reduce A1 deaths

Highways officers are seeking priority cash aid from the Government to halt the increasing number of crashes on the Great North Road in Cambridgeshire, where 41 people have been killed and 240 seriously injured since 1981.

The A1, one of Britain's busiest roads, runs through the county for 35 miles.

A survey has disclosed that the accident rate since 1981 has soared by 40 per cent, with traffic flows reaching almost 40,000 vehicles a day, one in four of them heavy lorries.

"The accident rate on the A1 is nearly 200 per cent worse than the highest standard dual carriageway trunk roads", Mr Brian Oldridge, county director of transportation, says in a report to councillors.

His report says that a serious hazard has been caused by the 130 gaps in the central reservation for road intersections and agricultural crossings. He has recommended that the worst stretch between Peterborough and Alconbury should be increased to three lanes in both directions, with the gaps sealed as a safety precaution.

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WORLD SUMMARY

Extremist Rabbi quits cabinet

Jerusalem – The Israeli Minister of the Interior, Rabbi Yitzhak Peretz, tendered his letter of resignation at yesterday's weekly cabinet meeting (David Bernstein reports). The resignation will go into effect at midday tomorrow unless the Minister changes his mind and decides to remain in the Cabinet.

Rabbi Peretz has threatened to resign for the past week if he were forced to comply with the High Court ruling obliging him to register as a Jewess an American convert, Miss Shoshana Miller, whose conversion the Orthodox religious establishment here does not recognise.

Efforts are still under way to persuade Rabbi Peretz to change his mind. But he has so far rejected any compromise, while his own proposal – that the category "National Grouping", under which he is required to register Miss Miller as a Jewess, be deleted from the identity cards all Israelis are required to carry – has run into strong opposition in the Cabinet.

Rabbi Peretz's departure from the Cabinet, which would diminish the coalition's strength by the four seats belonging to his tiny ultra-Orthodox Torah Guardians Party, is not seen here as likely to provoke a major government crisis.

Pope may go north

Oslo – The Pope is to be invited to make an historic seven-day tour of the five Nordic countries (Tony Samstag writes).

The invitation will be extended verbally next month by a group of Nordic Roman Catholic bishops during their five-yearly pilgrimage to the graves of the Apostles Peter and Paul. The Pontiff's vigorous lifestyle is much appreciated in Protestant northern Europe, particularly his prowess in mountain-climbing and ski-ing.

Family tragedy

Oldenburg, West Germany (Reuter) – A British businessman, his Dutch wife and their seven-year-old son were killed at the weekend when their car touched another, skidded on ice and crashed into trees on a motorway.

A fourth member of the family, a 13-year-old boy, was critically injured.

The dead man, aged 41, was the manager of a West German company in the town of Zeven. His wife was aged 38. No names were released.

Polish bison as target

Warsaw (Reuter) – Hunters from the West will be given the opportunity to shoot 40 of the bison in Poland's Bieszczady mountains at more than $4,000 (£2,700) a shot, the official PAP news agency reported yesterday.

Bison are protected in Poland, but their number in the south-eastern Bieszczady wilderness has recently risen above 200, which scientists say is sufficient for the area.

The bison have been saved from extinction by scientists in the north-eastern Bialowieska forest reserve and part of the herd was moved to the Bieszczady, 280 miles away.

Only the head and hide of the bison will be given to the succesful hunter as a trophy. The meat will be canned and exported to the West.

Faces saved

Jerusalem (Reuter) – The New York Roman Catholic Archbishop John O'Connor was to meet President Herzog at the presidential residence last night under a face-saving formula found to overcome bans by the Vatican and Israeli leaders.

Police killed

Dhaka – Two policemen were killed as a band of alleged marxist extremists raided a police station in north-western Bangladesh at the weekend.

Police said the gang belonged to an extreme communist group that went underground 20 years ago.

The 62-year-old chairman of the Chrysler Corporation, Mr Lee Iacocca, has filed a petition for divorce from his wife, the former Peggy Johnson. The couple were married in a private ceremony in New York less than a year ago, on April 26 last.

Latin American tour

Howe promises Colombia aid in cocaine war

From Geoffrey Matthews, Cartagena

Sir Geoffrey Howe deftly scored diplomatic points here at the weekend by praising Colombia's "courageous and determined efforts" to combat international drug trafficking, while inevitably losing a round over British policy on the Falklands.

After talks with President Barco in this historic Caribbean city, the Foreign Secretary declared that Britain was "keen to work and to work closely" with Colombia, nerve-centre of the Latin-American cocaine business, "as part of a wider international effort against drugs".

In a reference to the recent spiral of civil violence here, Sir Geoffrey said he was aware that "the stability of Colombian society is under threat from the twin evils of terrorism and drugs".

He praised Colombia as "a country which combines pluralist democracy with economic success ... where in the face of sometimes violent challenge, democratic ideals are upheld ... and where, against a background of international debt and recession, your country has weathered the economic storm with a prudence and skill which are a model to others". This was a reference to Colombia's manageable foreign debt of about US$13 billion.

On the Falklands, there was never any chance of Sir Geoffrey breaking continental solidarity, as he implicitly recognized.

"I understand only too well the difficult position in which countries like Colombia find themselves as friends of both Britain and Argentina," he said in remarks which will no doubt be repeated in Mexico City.

Although Colombia stands squarely with Argentina today, at the time of the South Atlantic conflict in 1982, the then Bogotá government was savaged in Buenos Aires as "the Cain of the Americas" for adopting the most studiously neutral stance of any Latin American country. Colombia supported Argentina's territorial claims, but condemned the military junta for pursuing them by force, while also criticizing "British imperialism".

In part, Colombia's stance was due to its traditional respect for international law, and also to fears that the Nicaraguans might try to grab two distant Colombian islands in the Caribbean.

On conflict in Central America, Sir Geoffrey said Colombia had a special role to play as a member of the Contadora Group, which it forms with Mexico, Venezuela and Panama.

"Britain, with its Community partners, has from the outset given full support to the Contadora process and will continue to do so," he said. "Only a political solution will bring peace and stability to Central America. Force will not work. Britain has consistently urged restraint on all sides.".

He said that next month's meeting in Guatemala City between the EEC and the Central American and Contadora countries would "further reflect the European Community's determination to back its commitment to Contadora through political dialogue and economic support".

French rail strike begins to crumble

From Diana Geddes
Paris

France's crippling rail strike, now entering its eighteenth day, looked set yesterday to continue for at least another few days, despite the beginnings of a return to work and a distinct improvement in rail services over the weekend.

The state-owned railways' management said about one in two mainline trains were running yesterday, compared with only one in four on Saturday, and that two-thirds of Paris suburban trains were operating normally.

However, that improvement was probably more due to the success of police operations in removing strikers from railway lines and signal boxes than to any mass return to work. In accordance with the call by the strikers' national co-ordinating committee and the Communist-led CGT union, a majority of the 94 rail divisions have voted to continue the strike.

While special flights and thousands of extra coaches enabled most holidaymakers to get home in time for this week's return to school, the journey back was often subject to long delays, with traffic jams of up to 25 miles reported on motorways round Paris.

Further transport chaos is expected in the capital this week as a result of a call by the CGT for a continuation of the strike on the Paris buses and Métro. Traffic is expected to be brought to a virtual standstill tomorrow when two other unions, representing a majority of the public transport workers, hold their own 24-hour stoppage.

The politically motivated CGT has also called for strikes in the government arsenals from today and among electricity and gas workers and dockers from tomorrow, as well as appealing to all its members in the public sector to launch a counter-offensive against the Government's austerity policies.

The Government has made clear, however, that it is determined to stand firm on those policies, deeming them to be at the heart of its efforts to bring down inflation, boost the economy and create new jobs. The 4.5 million workers in the public sector are being offered pay rises of less than 2 per cent this year, in line with the forecast rise in prices, with the possibility of a 3 per cent rise where gains in productivity can be shown.

M Jacques Chirac, the Prime Minister, is expected to explain the Government's attitude towards theindustrial unrest during a two-hour radio interview tomorrow night.

● MADRID: Spain's state-owned domestic airline Aviaco has cancelled 73 of 104 flights scheduled for today because of a second 24-hour strike by ground staff over a pay claim, a company spokesman said yesterday (Reuter reports).

Rescue workers removing one of the two survivors from the wreckage of the Brazilian plane.

Abidjan crash survivor 'serious'

Abidjan (Reuter) – Investigators searched through jungle near here yesterday, looking for the cause of a Brazilian airline crash as doctors fought to keep one of the two survivors alive.

Forty-nine of the 51 passengers and crew on board Varig flight RG797 to Rio de Janeiro and São Paulo died when the airliner crashed into dense and marshy woodland about 25 miles north-east of Ivory Coast's economic capital early on Saturday.

French troops, hacking their way to the crash site with machetes, found two men, an Ivorian schoolteacher and an unidentified white man, alive in the tail. Reports of the latter's nationality varied, some describing him as a Lebanese or a Brazilian of Lebanese stock, while others said he was a Briton.

The Ivorian was rushed to an Abidjan hospital and was reported yesterday to be out of danger. Hospital sources described the other survivor's condition as serious and could not say if he would pull through.

The majority of the victims were Brazilians. Varig and diplomats from countries concerned declined to give a full casualty list until all next of kin had been informed.

Chad says Libyan planes hit south

Paris (Reuter) – Libyan aircraft yesterday bombed Chad government positions south of the "red line" dividing the country into a Libyan-controlled north and a government-held south, Chad Embassy sources said.

They said the bombers hit the districts of Biltine and Arada north-east of Ndjamena, the capital of the Central African country.

The French Defence Ministry said it was aware of bombardments south of the "red line", which follows the 16th parallel, but they did not have any details. France has a 1,200-man air defence force in Chad.

The air raid is the first south of the 16th parallel since a single Libyan Tupolev bomber hit Ndjamena airport in February last year.

The 16th parallel marks the line near which French troops halted a drive by Libyan and rebel forces southwards in 1983. The reported bombing is the most serious military action in the south since then.

Yesterday's raid comes amid a government drive to recapture the north after the defection from Tripoli of the main rebel forces, loyal to the former President, Mr Goukouni Oueddei.

The Ndjamena Government claims to have recaptured the key oases of Fada and Zouar over the past week after heavy fighting in the Libyan-controlled north.

Libya denies having any troops in the neighbouring country and says the battles are between Chadian factions.

Analysts said confirmation of the bombing in the south would mark a big escalation in the conflict, and would present France with a tough dilemma over how far to back the Government of President Hissène Habré.

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Israeli helicopters raid Shia villages

From Juan Carlos Gumucio, Beirut

In a fresh demonstration of support for its Lebanese surrogates, the Israeli Air Force yesterday raided several targets inside Shia Muslim villages to avenge an attack on the "South Lebanon Army" militia.

Four helicopter gunships made strafing and rocket runs over villages on the fringes of Israel's self-proclaimed "security zone" in southern Lebanon. Initial reports said at least three people were killed and eight wounded.

The mid-afternoon raid concentrated on houses and roads used by guerrillas of the Islamic Resistance, comprising mainly fighters of the pro-Iran Hezbollah (Party of God). It came three days after guerrillas killed six SLA militiamen in a hit-and-run operation near the village of Braachit.

Reports from southern Lebanon said that the villages of Khirbit Selm, Qabrikha and Seddiqine were hit. All lie inside the zone patrolled by Ghanaian troops of Unifil, the UN peacekeeping force.

The raid had been expected. SLA spokesmen had warned that the Braachit attack, in which six SLA men were killed, a Sherman tank blown up and two armoured cars and ammunition captured, would not go unanswered. Israel's swift reaction has left no doubts that future guerrilla operations against the 2,000-strong militia, which is financed, trained and armed by the Israelis, will meet retaliation.

The Israelis have conducted 18 air raids against Palestinian guerrilla bases in the last year. The last time that they sent in aircraft was in February, after a guerrilla ambush in which two Israeli soldiers were captured.

The latest raids are expected to counter morale problems among the SLA, who have been upset by recent comments in Israel portraying them as cheap "Israeli sandbags".

The attack underlines Israel's concern about the strength of the guerrillas in the southern Lebanon, despite the continuing war between Shia Muslim forces and the PLO.

That conflict is said here to have drained the strength of anti-Israeli operations in the last three months and given the SLA time to reinforce positions and attempt an increase of manpower through forced recruitment and a salary increase.

● JERUSALEM: The Israeli Army spokesman said that pilots had reported good hits and that all helicopters returned safely to base.

The sea route between Cyprus and Lebanon, which is vital for Lebanon's Christian enclave of Jounieh, was functioning normally yesterday after the interception on Friday by the Israeli Navy of a ferry boat from Cyprus (Juan Carlos Gumucio writes from Beirut).

An Israeli frigate halted the 3,782-tonne Sunny Boat off Jounieh and forced it to return, the Israeli skipper saying the line was to be stopped because the ferries were "continuing to transport Palestinian terrorists to Lebanon".

On Saturday, after angry protests by the Lebanese and Cypriot Governments, the Empress, a sister ship, was stopped but allowed to go on to Jounieh. The Sunny Boat sailed normally yesterday.

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West German election campaign

Party faithful flock to US-style rallies for launch of final phase

From John England, Bonn

The Americans do it better, but West Germany's conservatives and Social Democrats nevertheless staged creditable imitations at the weekend of US political convention ballyhoo to open the "hot phase" of the campaign for the federal election on January 25.

In Kassel's *Eissporthalle* on Saturday, pop groups and singers backed by two giant video screens warmed up about 6,000 Social Democratic Party (SPD) faithful for a keynote speech by Herr Johannes Rau, their candidate for the chancellorship.

In Dortmund yesterday the huge *Westfalenhalle* was packed with about 50,000 conservative supporters, who were offered a funfair, a teenage enclave with rock and pop music, "little theatre" stages, and regional food and drink as a consolation for rather more speeches than the SPD comrades had had to bear.

All the conservative big guns were on parade, led by Chancellor Helmut Kohl, chairman of the Christian Democratic Union (CDU), and Herr Franz Josef Strauss, leader of the Bavarian Christian Social Union (CSU). American-style cheerleaders were neither present nor needed: the delegates gave their top men's speeches rapturous applause.

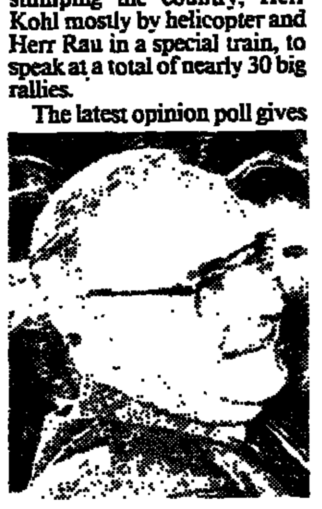
Herr Kohl, clearly recovered from his shock last week when a television network blundered by screening his 1986 new year speech to the nation, was introduced as the "present and future Chancellor". His fixed grin assumed the appropriate degree of modesty.

In Kassel, Herr Rau continued to foster his "nice guy" image with a speech that took the government parties to task but remained moderate in tone, in line with his self-proclaimed goal of "reconciling" Germans one with another.

Identifying social justice, more jobs, a better environment and greater efforts for peace in the world as the main planks of the SPD's platform, Herr Rau said: "Our people have deserved a better government."

Herr Kohl and Herr Rau were at one in calling on their parties for three weeks' hard work in the run-up to the elections. The two leaders will set personal examples by stumping the country, Herr Kohl mostly by helicopter and Herr Rau in a special train, to speak at a total of nearly 30 big rallies.

The latest opinion poll gives the government coalition, the CDU-CSU and the liberal Free Democratic Party (FDP), about 56 per cent of the vote. The SPD is given less than 33 per cent, while the Greens are credited with a surge to more than 10 per cent.


Herr Kohl, stumping the country yesterday.

The CDU, however, is concerned that its fair-weather figures might persuade many conservative voters that a family walk in the woods on the Sunday (West German polls are always held on Sunday), instead of going to the polling station, will make no difference to the final result.

There has also been talk from the CSU, which has been pounced upon by the small, anti-Strauss FDP, of a possible absolute majority for the conservatives, which would mean the return of the bogeyman Herr Strauss to Bonn.

The FDP, which won 7 per cent of the vote at the last election in March 1983, is given 7.8 per cent by the opinion poll. The party will hold its "hot phase" rally at its traditional Epiphany meeting in Stuttgart tomorrow.

The Greens, apparently with nothing to lose, will be the last of the parliamentary parties to launch its final run, and will not hold a central rally. Instead, the party is going on tour with a campaign programme entitled "Winter Magic".

What the Greens and the other parties can pull out of their hats is, perhaps, still a question that might enliven the campaign, despite the opinion polls.

Storms bring death to Atlantic coast

Waves crashing against the sea wall at Hull, Massachusetts, during winter storms which killed at least 19 people at the weekend and brought exceptionally high tides to the New England coast of the United States.

A new storm brought heavy rain to the North West on Saturday and snow to mountain ski resorts that have had one of their worst seasons on record (AP reports).

Elsewhere on the Atlantic, the storm caused an estimated $16 million damage along the coasts of the Carolinas and Virginia on New Year's Day, and an estimated 350 people were evacuated on Friday in Massachusetts.

Deaths from the East Coast storm, which blew heavy surf ashore and caused very high tides, included four in North Carolina, two in Virginia, four in Pennsylvania, two in New York, two in Vermont, one in New Jersey, one in Connecticut and three in Massachusetts. In addition, one person was killed on an icy highway in Michigan.

Wind-driven rain lashed the lower elevations of northern California, as snow piled up at Sierra Nevada ski resorts.

"The snow is really coming down, the radio's really going," said a spokeswoman for the California Department of Transportation.

Colorado's mountains got up to a foot of snow on Friday, the first big snowfall since December 1. Snow also fell in Utah's mountain resorts.

New York state got up to 15 inches of snow in the Catskills, and roads were closed overnight in some areas. Rochester got only about half that amount, but that was blamed for more than 750 accidents.

In Maine, more than 14 inches of snow was reported at Portland's airport, and the weather service said that was the largest 24-hour snowfall there in the last decade.

Manila and Muslims set peace agenda

Jeddah (Reuter) — The Manila Government and Muslim rebels of the Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) yesterday set an agenda for negotiations on autonomy for the southern Philippines, a rebel representative said.

Agreement was announced after a meeting between the chairman of the MNLF, Mr Nur Misuari, and the chief government negotiator, the National Affairs Minister, Mr Aquilino Pimentel.

The meeting followed separate talks with the Secretary of the Islamic Conference Organization (ICO), Mr Sharifuddin Pirzada.

"I would like to inform everybody the position of the two parties is to pursue discussion on the granting of full autonomy," Mr Misuari told reporters.

Mr Pimentel said: "We will spare no efforts whatsoever to help affect a just and lasting solution to the problem which will be acceptable to the Muslim people of the southern Philippines and the non-Muslim population also."

The MNLF, largest of the Muslim separatist groups, launched a war 14 years ago for independence of the Mindanao islands, where Muslims outnumber Christians in some parts.

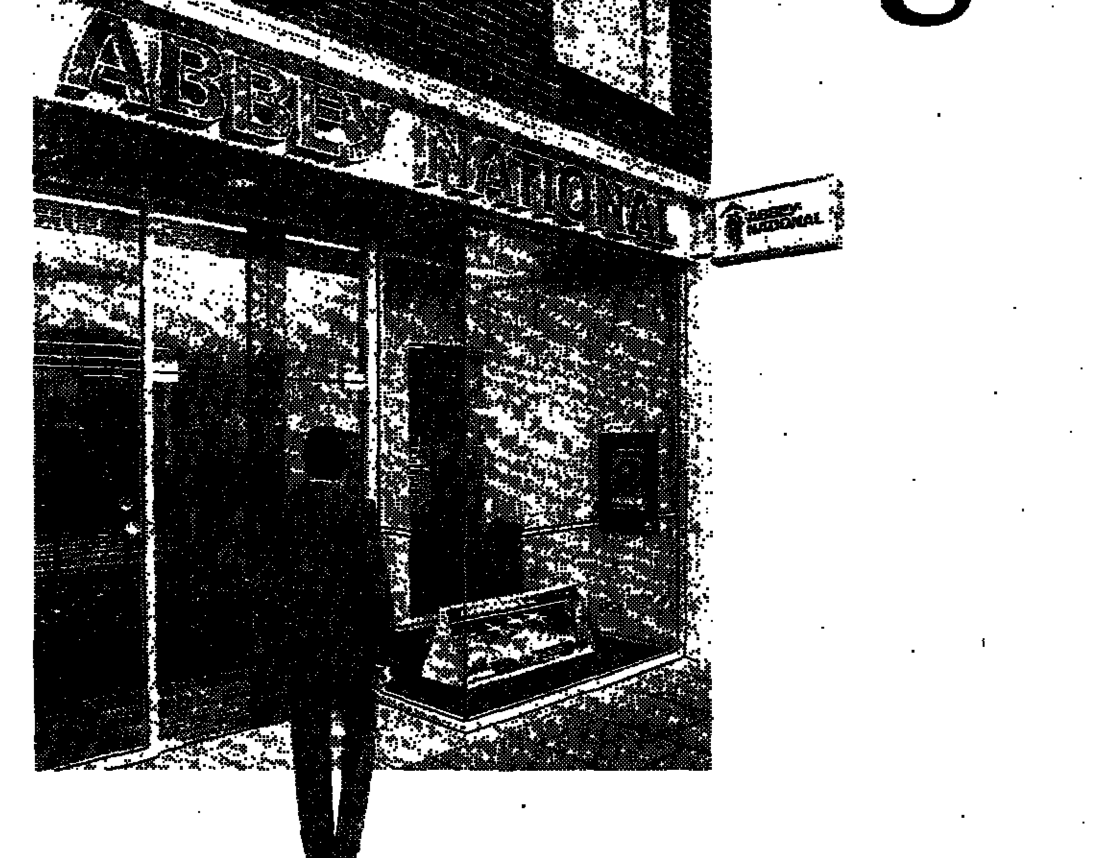
About 50,000 people were killed between 1972 and 1976, when fighting was at its peak. A ceasefire was arranged last September.

● MANILA: The agreements signed in Jeddah between the Aquino Government and the MNLF appear to represent an important breakthrough in Manila's efforts to negotiate a peaceful settlement (A Correspondent writes).

The MNLF chairman, Mr Nur Misuari, agreed to drop his demand for Muslim independence and accepted autonomy under "democratic processes". Government officials said this referred to a provision in the 1986 constitution which is expected to be ratified in a plebiscite on February 2.

The new charter, once ratified, calls on the Philippine Congress of a lower House and Senate to approve, within 18 months of its first session, legislation to grant the nation's minority Muslim population autonomy on five islands, including the main southern island of Mindanao.

The legislation would require approval of autonomy on a province-to-province basis, a government negotiator, Mr Agapito Aquino said. Mr Aquino is the brother-in-law of President Aquino.



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One year inside EEC

Spanish mealtimes resistant to change

From Richard Wigg, Madrid

If you are lucky enough to be invited to Arzak, the celebrated Basque restaurant in San Sebastian whose owner, Señor Juan Mari Arzak, last year joined the club of EEC chefs presided over by M Jacques Delors, the Commission head, you can sit down to lunch at 1 pm, instead of having to wait until about 2.30, as elsewhere in Spain.

Spanish business lunches, which already start late by the standards of the rest of Europe and can go on until past 5 pm, "are a male invention, probably from the Franco years", a woman business executive from Zaragoza commented. "You can usually, I find, do more business in a day by avoiding them."

That is definitely not the view of Señor José María Cuevas, chairman of Spain's powerful employers' confederation. Asked whether Spain, which has now completed a year of EEC membership, ought to adopt European mealtimes, he replied: "No, not at all. European businessmen who come to Spain adapt to our hours." He went on to tell me of a group of Britons who ate so long and so well that they had to resort to one of Spain's oldest customs, the siesta, to recover.

Spanish social customs are changing only slowly to adapt to EEC membership, compared with those imposed by Community regulations or economic forces, such as the dismantling of Spain's high tariff walls. These were scaled down a further 12.5 per cent on January 1, to 22.5 per cent.

"Four to five years will be needed before Spaniards really perceive that we are in the Community", Señor Manuel Marín, one of Spain's two Brussels Commissioners, observed in a first-year review.

Spain's trade balance with the EEC, however, has already felt the impact, in the shape of a deficit for the first 10 months of last year of 109,300 million pesetas (more than £560 million). This compares with an EEC surplus of some £1,200 million for the same period.

The conservative-minded Señor Cuevas has naturally been alarmed by these figures, although everyone else expected such an impact from more efficient EEC exporters.

Spanish industry has been hit, but an analysis by sectors shows that where firms have invested and restructured they have weathered the onslaught, as in the paper industry, while in chemicals, for instance, firms have lost ground to EEC rivals in an expanding domestic market.

Spanish firms "lost" last year an estimated 350,000 million pesetas in export subsidies not allowed by EEC membership, and Señor Cuevas has called on the Government to reintroduce protection measures. But the ruling Socialists' position, however, is that EEC membership should drive formerly cosseted firms out of business, and force survivors to be more competitive.

The Government may agree to reduce employers' high social security contributions, but Señor Marín has suggested that this should be offset by raising income and company taxes, which are currently below the EEC average.

According to the Bank of Spain, businesses did well in 1985, thereby giving a cushion with which to confront the initial impact of entry.

The Italians did best of all Spain's EEC trading partners, with a 52 per cent increase in exports to Spain last year, compared with 35 per cent for West Germany, 19 per cent for France, and 11 per cent for Britain.

Both M Jacques Chirac, the French Prime Minister, and Chancellor Kohl of West Germany have visited Madrid to discuss a future trading partnership within the EEC. There has been no such British presence.

Swiss banks may hold key to Iran arms cash

From Alan McGregor, Geneva

Bank officials here reluctantly begin today to grapple with US Department of Justice requests for information about diversion of Iran arms payments to the Nicaraguan Contras.

One priority is to ascertain what has happened to half of the $4 million (£2.7 million) which Iran deposited with a Swiss bank late in October, just before the US ordered 500 anti-tank missiles to be shipped from Israel to Iran.

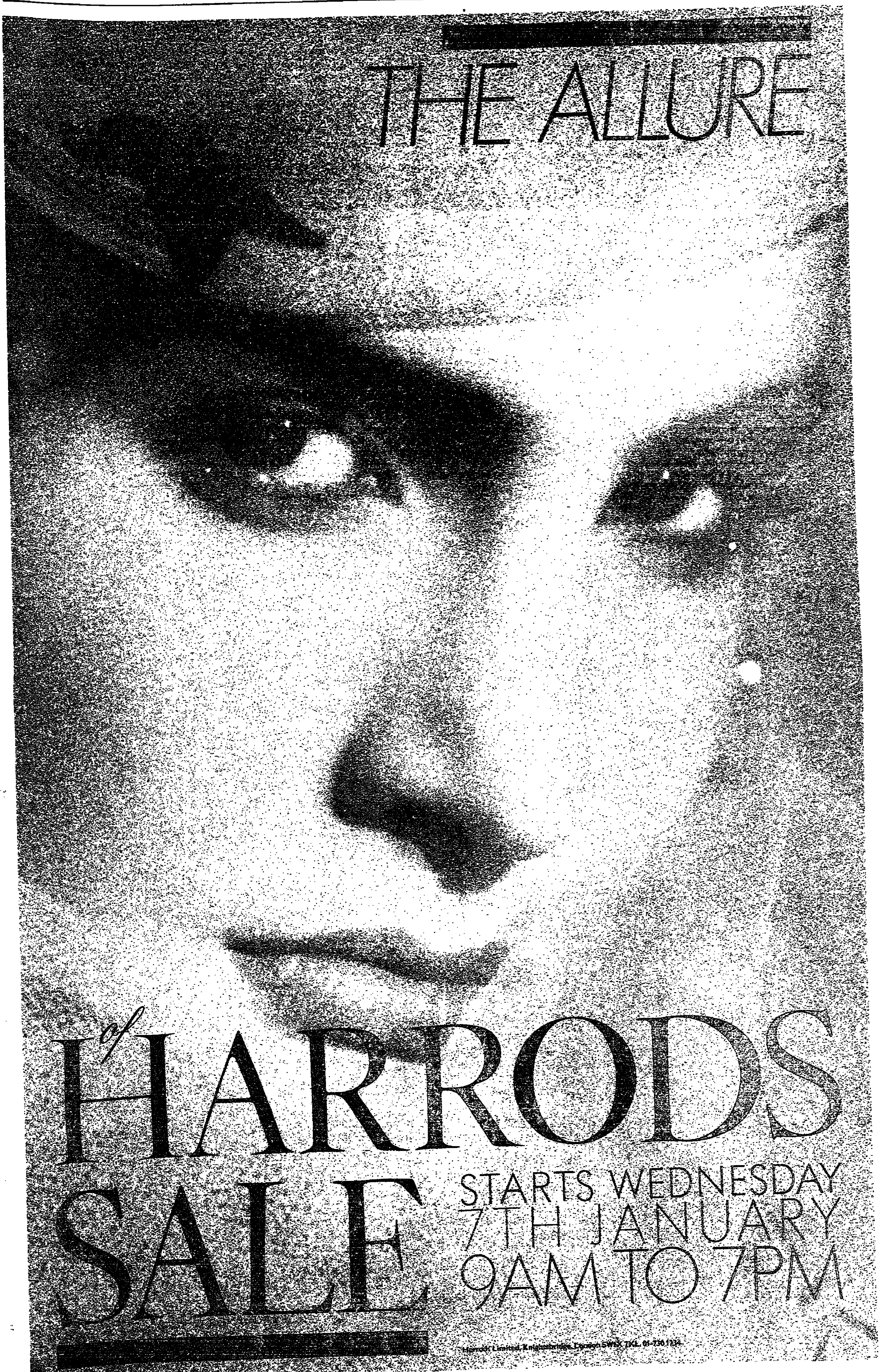
While $2,037,000 is believed to have been transferred to a Swiss account used by the Central Intelligence Agency, congressional investigators have failed so far to discover what happened to the rest of the money, reportedly credited to another account.

If clarification of that particular transaction may be relatively simple, the whole "Irangate" affair has turned into an unwelcome brouhaha for the banks involved, including, prominently, the Crédit Suisse in Geneva.

If, as reported, documents in Washington have disappeared or been shredded, the bank's computer records, together with any information obtainable from individuals and companies, may now constitute the sole written indications of what happened.

The Federal Police Affairs Office has said that digging out the facts could take anything "from six weeks to nine months".

American investigators will not initially be permitted to participate directly in this process, and will be informed only of the outcome. The Swiss authorities could, if judged necessary, then allow them access to bank records,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Rivals for Nakasone's crown make shaky start to the new year

From David Watts, Tokyo

Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone, the Japanese Prime Minister, marked his 1,500th day in office yesterday with his two leading potential successors making an unsteady start to the new year in the race to succeed him.

He should, in theory, leave office by the end of the year and be replaced by one of three "new leaders" who want to succeed him. But Mr Noboru Takeshita, the Secretary-General of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP), suffered a spectacular reverse at the weekend when the leader of his faction, the former Prime Minister, Mr Kakuei Tanaka, refused to receive him for the traditional new year's greeting.

It was the first public appearance by Mr Tanaka since his stroke almost two years ago. Shortly before Mr Tanaka was stricken, Mr Takeshita tried to launch a faction-within-a-faction to wrest power from Mr Tanaka, and he has never been forgiven.

Another challenger, Mr Shintaro Abe, the former Foreign Minister, while still leading the three contenders, has seen his standing slip compared to the other two.

According to a survey by the *Yomiuri Shimbun* newspaper, Mr Abe is favoured as the new Prime Minister by 31.6 per cent of respondents, compared to 22.5 per cent for Mr Takeshita and 18.8 per cent for Mr Kiichi Miyazawa, the Finance Minister.

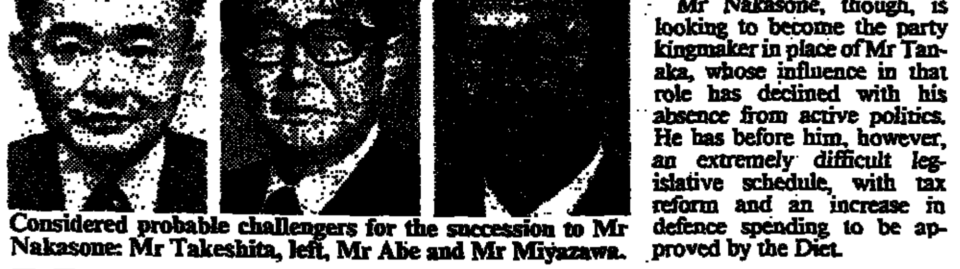
But Mr Miyazawa's position has strengthened at the expense of Mr Abe since he publicly espoused positions closer to those of Mr Nakasone, especially on the economy, having been sharply anti-Nakasone before the elections last July. His change of stance has won him another 5.5 percentage points.

But perhaps more significant is that 23 per cent of LDP supporters questioned would like to see Mr Nakasone remain in office after his term ends in October.

Mr Nakasone's personal popularity remains strikingly high, despite the introduction of some unpopular measures of late.

Compared with his potential successors, he would appear to have far more to offer, and if he could stir in the magic ingredient of a visit to Japan by Mr Mikhail Gorbachov he could probably stay on beyond October.

Mr Nakasone, though, is looking to become the party kingmaker in place of Mr Tanaka, whose influence in that role has declined with his absence from active politics. He has before him, however, an extremely difficult legislative schedule, with tax reform and an increase in defence spending to be approved by the Diet.



Considered probable challengers for the succession to Mr Nakasone: Mr Takeshita, left, Mr Abe and Mr Miyazawa.

Mr Nakasone, still popular despite recent tough measures, meditating at a new year Zen tea ceremony in Tokyo.

Maori loans scandal

Lange faces poll problem if he orders full inquiry

From Richard Long, Wellington

The Labour Government of New Zealand has entered election year facing a loans scandal that shows signs of being even more politically troublesome than its continuing dispute with Washington and London over nuclear warship visits.

The problem for Mr David Lange, the Prime Minister, is that, if he orders a full inquiry into the unauthorized attempt by his Maori Affairs Department to borrow $300 million (£210 million) from German sources through a Hawaiian middleman, then his Government could face embarrassing disclosures about election time in August or September.

But if he does not institute the full inquiry he runs the risk of the further disclosure of documents undermining Mr Koro Wetere, the Minister of Maori Affairs, in the run-up to the election.

The Government clearly hoped to take the heat out of the loans affairs by releasing on Christmas Eve the report of an internal inquiry by Dr Rod Deane, chairman of the State Services Commission.

This criticized the role of the Maori Affairs Department, the department head, Dr Tamati Reedy, and other officials for having unauthorized loan discussions and having failed to keep their minister fully informed. One such action involved the signing by Dr Reedy of an agreement for a loan procurement fee of $7 million to be paid to a Hawaiian broker, contingent on the loan going ahead.

The opposition spokesman for Maori affairs, Mr Winston Peters, a Maori lawyer from Tauranga, sparked the initial inquiry when he produced a copy of the procurement fee agreement and other documents in Parliament. He has hinted that he will produce more evidence unless the Government calls a full inquiry.

But Mr Lange has resisted calls for Mr Wetere's resignation, saying that while he acted unwisely he did not act wrongly.

He also maintains that there is no need for a full inquiry, as the Deane report was a "full and competent" disclosure of the facts.

Some newspapers, however, have insisted that Mr Wetere should step aside, saying that a failure to do so was an admission that the concept of ministerial responsibility had disappeared.

Most papers support a full inquiry, pointing out that Dr Deane, in his report, noted that he was not empowered to inquire into the actions of ministers: his jurisdiction involved the actions of civil servants only.

Dr Deane's finding that the loans affair was "a sad mixture of good intent and poor execution" underlines an even bigger problem looming for the Government — Maori development. Some commentators see the affair as the outcome of Maori frustration at the slow rate of passing approval for Maori development projects through the bureaucracy.

That such assistance is necessary is without question. In some areas of the country, especially in the far north, nearly half the Maori youth are unemployed. In the cities the urbanization of young Maoris has led to gang problems and, in the jails, they greatly outnumber European inmates.

The Government agrees that special steps are needed to assist in the entrepreneurial development of the Maori, and gave its approval at a meeting in 1985. The problem, again, has been to translate this into action.

Maori leaders have called on Mr Lange to appear on Maori *marae* (meeting places) to explain the Government's intentions.

They have also given notice that they will oppose any replacement of Dr Reedy and other officials in the reshuffle of the Maori Affairs Department which is to follow the Deane Report.

Plight of Vietnam boat people

Hong Kong hopes for British lead

By Caroline Moorehead

The Hong Kong legislature is growing impatient with lack of international co-operation over the issue of the thousands of Vietnamese refugees remaining in the colony, and is waiting anxiously for the British Government to announce its 1987 quota. Other countries have repeatedly said that they look to Britain to set an example.

Last year, after a special intervention by Mrs Thatcher, Britain agreed to take in a further 500 Vietnamese, those with relatives already in this country. That quota was already filled by August.

There are 8,254 Vietnamese refugees still in Hong Kong, 62 per cent of whom have been living in the camps for more than three years. A few have been there seven years.

One of these, Mr Bach Van Nga, was a fisherman, with two boats and four people working for him, before he escaped from Vietnam in 1980. Since arriving in Hong Kong, he and his wife and four children have been living in Jubilee Open Camp, one of the city's two open camps for the refugees from Vietnam.

He is the head camp cleaner, a job made impossible by the fact that there are no lavatories in the building — there are some outside, but they are used only by the men — so that the children use the stairways and the landings.

Mr Nga has applied for resettlement four times. His wife ran a restaurant in Vietnam and his children all speak good English. The family has been turned down because some years ago Mr Nga was involved in a brawl with a young cousin who subsequently died. Before dying, she signed a statement to say that it was not his fault.

The first Vietnamese refugees, 3,743 men, women and children, arrived in Hong Kong on board the Clara Maersk in May 1975. The early trickle turned gradually into a flood, so that during the first seven months of 1979, 66,045 people arrived. Since then, however, numbers have dropped: 2,230 in 1984, 1,034 in 1985, 2,045 in the first 11 months of 1986.

Most of the refugees have moved on from Hong Kong: to the United States (63,000), to Canada (18,629), Australia (5,500), Finland, Belgium, Sweden, and Great Britain (12,757).

The first Vietnamese refugees arriving in Hong Kong were sent to open camps, former barracks due for demolition and now in appalling conditions of overcrowding and squalor. Residents are allowed to work outside and return to the camps to sleep.

In July 1982, however, to deter more refugees from coming to Hong Kong, a policy of closed centres was introduced. Since then, all new arrivals (who are offered an alternative of refuelling and moving on) are detained in three main closed camps, all concrete and barbed wire, which they are not allowed to leave.

Ms Linda Hitchcock, a British teacher doing research at Oxford University on the Vietnamese refugees, has recently returned from a visit to Hong Kong. She was given permission to conduct a series of tests in the open camps designed to monitor anxiety and depression; she found 30 out of 99 long-stay residents suffering from extreme emotional distress and verging on nervous breakdown. She was not allowed to carry out her tests in the closed camps.

Anxiety is further increased by the rules governing resettlement. Any incident involving a brush with the police, such as Mr Nga's fight with his cousin, puts chances severely in jeopardy, as does ill health.

The Hong Kong Legislative Council is in a difficult position. The picture often painted of its behaviour towards the Vietnamese refugees is one of unkindness and neglect. Yet no boat person has been turned away and some efforts have been made to improve life in the closed camps by setting up playgrounds and encouraging the establishment of cafés and classes.

Since 1979 the council has spent £67,100,000 on the refugees. As Ms Hitchcock points out, it has no control either over the numbers coming into Hong Kong or over those going out to be resettled.

There is, furthermore, considerable international ambiguity over the fate of the refugees.

Officials in Hong Kong fear that the British quota for 1987 will remain very limited, and there is strong pressure within Hong Kong itself to adopt a closed door policy and turn away refugees. Privately, other countries are thought to be looking for ways to extricate themselves from further Vietnamese resettlement.

Thais think again over moving refugees

From Neil Kelly, Bangkok

After closing its last Cambodian refugee camp on December 31, Thailand appears to be having second thoughts about sending the 24,000 occupants to insecure locations on the Cambodian border. This follows protests from the United States and international aid organizations who say the refugees' lives will be threatened by border fighting if they are moved.

Thai officials now say most of the refugees will not have to move from the Khao-i-dang camp, eight miles from the border, for months, and that even on the border they will retain their special status of refugees who have internationally accepted rights, including that of resettlement in other countries.

The 270,000 Cambodians on the border do not have those rights, as they are classified as displaced persons and may go nowhere except back to Cambodia.

Correspondents are now barred from Khao-i-dang, which once housed 170,000 refugees. Thai military officials say media coverage of events there would not be good for Thailand's image. Soldiers are conducting a stringent search to round up 600 or 700 Cambodians who are said to have been smuggled in.

The Thai Government said it had closed Khao-i-dang because Western nations refused to honour pledges to resettle the refugees.

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Political manoeuvrings in Pakistan

Reshuffles at the top while rioters take to the streets

From Michael Hamlyn, Islamabad

A series of curious political events in Pakistan has marked the first anniversary of the lifting of martial law and the return to a heavily qualified democracy. At the same time, events in the city streets have tended to emphasize the distance between the people's political aspirations and politics as practised in Islamabad.

The main occurrence in the streets in the past fortnight has been the fit of homicidal communal frenzy in Karachi. Here Pathans, the race of tall, austere hillmen from the North West Frontier Province who dominate the transport, drugs and gun-running businesses in the southern capital, fought with Mohajirs, immigrants who came from India after partition and their Urdu-speaking descendants.

Because of the absence of the main political opposition from Parliament, it has been difficult for non-official views to be made clear about the Karachi riots, but calls for the resignation of the Government were redoubled.

It was startling then to hear the announcement, after a fairly routine Cabinet meeting, that the ministers had submitted their resignations *en masse* to Mr Muhammad Khan Junejo, the Prime Minister. Since then Mr Junejo has been rebuilding his ministry and has so far reappointed 16 of the 38 who served before.

If the Prime Minister was not reacting to the public demand for action over the riots — and it was made known that this was indeed to be a purely routine Cabinet reshuffle — then both his timing and his technique were very odd. But the Prime Minister is a political tyro and some naivety was expected.

The feeling now is that he has been anxious to remove a handful of ministers who have not only been performing poorly, but to whose name a taint of corruption attaches. His problem has been that, with the majority of members of the National Assembly coming from Punjab, he has been keen not to worsen a rift which has been developing in the Punjab party.

While Mr Junejo appeared to have been chosen for the Prime Minister's chair to oblige his patron, the Pir of Pagara, the Punjab Chief Minister, Mr Nawaz Sharif, appeared to have been chosen for the opposite reason — to disoblige him.

The result is that there is little love lost between the supporters of the Pir (and therefore of the Prime Minister) and Mr Sharif. But the Pir's influence is largely confined to the southern province of Sind, and Mr Junejo needs to keep as many friends as he can in Punjab.

This, observers say, explains the strange pantomime of rebuilding in his ministry.

Meanwhile, there is another curious atmosphere surrounding the position of the Governor of Sind, General Jehandad Khan. He was the only military governor kept on after martial law was lifted, and is himself an oddity since he is not a Sindhi, but both a Pathan and a Punjabi.

His replacement was also urged following the Pathan-Mohajir riots, which are expected to take a severely anti-Punjabi turn.

A series of reports has been appearing in the local papers suggesting that he would be replaced very soon. The news finally came last night that he had resigned.

A visit to Karachi by the Prime Minister was followed as well by the resignation of the entire Sind Cabinet on Friday, along lines similar to that of the federal Cabinet. But the reshuffle cut no ice with the Opposition.

If Mr Junejo may be accused of being politically naive, the same cannot be said of his chief, General Muhammad Zia ul-Haq, the country's President. When President Zia called a meeting of intellectuals and scholars a week ago to define Pakistan's chief problems, he was thought to be playing a devious game, trying to upstage his Prime Minister and his tame Parliament.

One theory among Pakistani cynics was that the religiously devout President hoped that a lack of progress in Islamization would be so identified, and that the re-establishment of the Caliphate — a religio-political autocracy — would be urged, with himself as Caliph.

If so, he was disappointed. The 200 or so leaders of opinion decided in the main that the real problem was a lack of authentic democracy, and that its cure was immediate mid-term elections on a full party political basis.

Mr Ashraf Tabani, an industrialist, has been appointed Governor of Pakistan's turbulent Sind province, after the resignation of General Jehandad Khan. A new Cabinet will take its oath of office today.

Afghan planes attack villages in Pakistan

From Hasan Akhtar, Islamabad

Up to 10 villagers are reported to have been killed and many more injured by Afghan Air Force bombing at the weekend of the village of Arandu in the state of Chitral in northern Pakistan, adjoining Afghanistan.

Press reports from Chitral quote witnesses and official information confirming five dead and five others injured. The bombing by Afghan MiGs was the first, and possibly the deepest, into Pakistan since the offer of ceasefire and amnesty to Afghans living outside their country by Dr Muhammad Najib, Kabul's Communist Party leader, in his new year message.

Witnesses in Arandu are quoted as saying that about 15 Afghan aircraft made several sorties lasting an hour on Friday evening, dropping flares and about a dozen bombs on houses, grain stores and other village buildings. Several bombs failed to explode.

Reports also said that the Afghans had bombed Timargarh, also in Chitral, and that one person had been killed.

The aircraft also flew low over the Bajaur Agency area and other villages, causing panic among the villagers.

The next round of proximity talks between the Governments of Pakistan and Afghanistan will be held in Geneva towards the middle of next month under the direction of Señor Diego Cordóvez, the UN deputy Secretary-General.

Meanwhile, Pakistan police are reported to have arrested two young men at Sialkot who were jailed *in absentia* by a military court for 25 years for their part in the 1981 murder of Chaudhri Zahur Elahi, a former minister in President Zia's martial law government.

Amjad Qureshi and Muhammad Anwar, described as militants, were arrested when they re-entered Pakistan after having allegedly received training in subversion in India, the report stated.

Ageing family car caught in a financial tangle

Italy and Japan duel for Polish deal

From Roger Boyes
Warsaw

It is easy to be uncharitable about the Polski Fiat 125. The middle-range Polish family car is growing old. To critics it resembles a safety deposit box on wheels, and the overall physical effect of a long drive is equivalent to riding a good-natured, asthmatic mule up a tricky Peruvian mountain slope.

This odd motoring hybrid is now at the centre of one of the fiercest commercial duels seen in Eastern Europe for a decade, pitting the Italian Fiat company against the Japanese Daihatsu firm.

With General Wojciech Jaruzelski, the Polish leader, due to visit Rome on January 12, and the Japanese Prime Minister, Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone, scheduled to visit Warsaw a few days later, it is also proving to be a question of high politics. Warsaw stands to gain not only a new car but also the most generous credit line from the West since the declaration of martial law five years ago.

Fiat has a long-standing relationship with the motor industries of the Soviet bloc and apart from Poland can legitimately claim to have converted the Soviet Union into a motorized society.

An Italian representative has maintained an office in Warsaw's sprawling FSO car factory, and under the licensing agreements hundreds of thousands of small Fiat 126P, known colloquially as "the little one", and medium-range deposit boxes-cum-mules have emerged from Polish production lines.

Many have gone for export and the domestic market is still hungry even for these outdated models. Because the waiting time for a new car is so long, second, third and fourth-hand cars, sold privately, can fetch much higher prices than the brand-new vehicles.

Fiat has just won the contract to restyle the "little one", and various reports talk of a credit line of between $50 million and $80 million (£34 million to £54 million). This has fuelled confidence in Italy that Fiat will land the much bigger plum of replacing the Polski Fiat 125, also known as the FSO 1500. The FSO factories are quite well designed, but the production lines, especially for the Fiat 125, are hopelessly out of date. The contract will thus involve the complete retooling of the factory.

The Japanese, however, have been sending several missions to Poland and Daihatsu seems to be in with a chance. Japanese sources confirm that Mr Nakasone will be raising the matter in Warsaw and Polish officials have been careful not to commit themselves in public.

The key issue is financing. Industrial analysts estimate that a credit line of about $200 million will be needed to pay for the modernization of the Fiat 125 factory. Some of this will be paid off on a buy-back basis, either Italy or Japan purchasing new cars produced in Warsaw.

The exact terms of the credit — the Italian authorities have already agreed that such financing is politically acceptable, despite the Western credit squeeze on Poland — and the number of vehicles involved in the buy-back will be crucial elements in the decision.

If Poland can land a credit line of $200 million or more, it will have signalled that it is at last financially rehabilitated. A combination of economics — Poland's debt to the West is some $31 billion and its debt service ratio one of the worst in the world — and punitive politics after the military crackdown has meant that virtually no new money has been coming into Poland.

West Germany has made available DM 100 million (£35 million), but this is an almost insignificant sum compared to the volume of Polish-West German trade.

The contract would give Daihatsu an important foothold in the East European market.

The British have some interest, however, in the Italians rather than the Japanese winning the duel: British brakes manufacturers have a long-standing agreement with Fiat, and could stand to gain some important orders.

Weekend mixed doubles: Above, the Swedish tennis ace Mats Wilander kisses his bride, Sonia Mulholland, after their wedding in Durban; and the singer Vic Damone and Diahann Carroll from *Dynasty* show off their wedding rings in Atlantic City.

US drug growers hit back

From Ivor Davis
Los Angeles

After four years of uphill struggle, California's police appear to be winning their battle against farmers who reap millions of dollars a year by illegally growing one of the most profitable crops in this gigantic agricultural state — *marijuana*.

But, ironically, the more marijuana plants they destroy, the more profitable the business becomes. The shortage has meant that the price of a pound of high-potency *sinsemilla* marijuana leapt in 1985 from $2,000 (£1,350) to $3,400.

A preliminary report of the Campaign Against Marijuana Planting says that in 1985 $400 million worth of marijuana plants were destroyed by police in helicopters and on the ground.

Despite this, farmers are finding that growing marijuana produces more profit than traditional crops.

In the past year, almost $3 million was spent by state and local police to curb the crop. The report says that although the war is being won, especially in the area known in California as the Emerald Triangle, covering the northern California counties of Humboldt, Mendocino and Trinity, growers have become even more sophisticated in concealing their crops.

Peking demonstrations

Students appeal to Deng to respond

Peking (Reuter) — Illegal wall posters reappeared at Peking University yesterday, urging the Chinese leader, Mr Deng Xiaoping, to respond to appeals for democracy and asking students to burn the Communist Party's *Peking Daily* for inaccurate reporting.

Officials had ripped down all posters but one the previous day.

One poster, in the form of an open letter to Mr Deng, read: "We have to write to you because there are no other channels of expression left. Please answer us."

The letter, signed by a final-year mathematics student, said the students would give Mr Deng 10 days to reply before deciding their next course of action.

The student said the official media had slanted news of demonstrations on Thursday and Friday, when 1,000 students marched nine miles to Tiananmen Square.

A month-long series of nationwide demonstrations for democracy and press freedom have been met by an official media campaign urging students to stay off the streets and blaming the unrest on a few troublemakers.

The letter said police had been too rough with students on Thursday. "Our demonstrations were all proper ... They are over now, but we would have marched seven and a half hours in vain if our appeals for democracy are slanted by newspapers."

Mr Deng and other members of the ruling Politburo have not made public their opinions on the marches, leading to speculation that party leaders are split over the issue.

"Newspapers should report, not give opinions. There are too many opinions and too much inaccurate reporting, which has caused Peking citizens to oppose students," the letter said.

It wished Mr Deng good health and said students supported reforms he had instigated.

Alongside it were two unsigned posters, one of which asked students to attend a public burning of copies of the *Peking Daily* today. The other accused the newspaper of causing unrest with its biased reporting and said "it was the tongue of the leftists".

Students said they were not likely to stage more protests because of impending exams, but some said they would come to watch the burning of the *Peking Daily*.

A foreign student at Shanghai, scene of the biggest marches, said there were no posters on campuses there and no plans for future protests, with students busy preparing for exams.

Frenchman dies in Bokassa's brutal jail

Bangui (AP) — A 52-year-old Frenchman has died while in custody at the notorious Ngaragba prison, French Embassy officials said yesterday.

They said the man, whose name has not been released, died on Saturday from an apparent heart attack after serving more than nine months on charges of embezzlement.

Witnesses testifying in the continuing trial of the former emperor, Jean-Bédel Bokassa, have described the prison as a brutal place where during the Bokassa years prisoners were denied medical attention, deliberately starved and beaten to death.

Bokassa, who was overthrown in a 1979 French-backed coup, ruled the Central African Republic for 14 years.

Award for top geneticist

Moscow (Reuter) — The Soviet geneticist, Professor Nikolai Dubinin, who was denounced during the rule of Stalin, has been awarded the Order of Lenin, the Soviet Union's top civilian award, to mark his 80th birthday and to reward an outstanding contribution to biology.

Extremist shot

Algiers (AFP) — An underground fundamentalist Muslim leader, Mr Mustapha Bwiali, aged 46, who had been hunted for 18 months, was shot dead by Algerian police in his stronghold in a gun battle late on Saturday.

Leader again

Dhaka (AFP) — Sheikh Hasina Wazed has been re-elected president of the opposition Awami League, and another woman, Mrs Sajeda Chowdhury, confirmed in the post of secretary-general.

Struck off

Brisbane (AFP) — The international airport here was closed on Sunday and all flights diverted after a runway was struck by lightning.

Young blood

Peking (AFP) — The Chinese Peasants' and Workers' Democratic Party has elected Mr Zhou Gucheng, an 89-year-old history professor, to replace the party's 97-year-old former chairman.

Blazing love

Taipei (AP) — Three people died and another was injured in a barber's shop set on fire by a man who told police he started the blaze because a woman hairdresser had refused to go out with him.

Population up

Tokyo (AP) — A 35-year-old woman, stuck in a hospital elevator for 40 minutes on her way to the delivery room, gave birth inside while a doctor gave instructions from outside to a nurse in the elevator.

Tooth tower

Sabadell, Spain (Reuter) — Señor Juan Merchán, a 58-year old Spaniard, has built a 44 in model of the Eiffel Tower, France's most famous monument, using 884 cows' teeth and six of his own.

ENTERTAINMENTS

CONCERTS

BARBICAN HALL 628 8795/638 8891. No perfs until Fri. 7.45 City of London Sinfonia, Andrew Watkinson. dir/violin.

OPERA & BALLET

COLISEUM S 836 3161 cc 240 5258 ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA Tomor 7.00 Carmen. Wed 7.30 Diary/Osud.

ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL 928 3191 CC 928 8800 Until 17 Jan. Eves 7.30 Sat Mats 3pm
LONDON FESTIVAL BALLET
THE NUTCRACKER
Ton't 7.30: Mulligan/Hogard/James/Mulin/Johnson/Supervia/Lisa.

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE 240 1066/1911 Stdby info 836 6903. S CC. Tickets £1-£22.50 (Ballet) £2-£40 (Opera). 65 amphi seats avail on the day. Ton't 7.30 THE ROYAL OPERA Lucia di Lammermoor. Tomor 7.30 THE ROYAL BALLET The Nutcracker. Ballet Casting info: 01 240 9815.

SADLER'S WELLS 278 8916. First Call CC 24hr 7 day 240 7200. Until 17 Jan. Eves 7.30. Sat Mats 2.30
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THE ARTS

Ghastly good fun

Nothing on television is more horrible than the fun. Far from being a jaundiced criticism, this verdict was reached while sufferring from flu. Early on Saturday evening I foolishly decided to restore my spirits by watching the lighter programmes on BBC1: *Jim'll Fix it*, *Hi-de-Hi!*, *Bob's Full House*: In a weakened state, the ghastly cheerfulness of the first two could only be borne for a few minutes each, but I managed most of Bob Monkhouse's bingo show.

TELEVISION

One of the troubles with these shows is that the studio audience has been warmed up to so combustible a state that the most pathetic jokes ignite an inferno of laughter. "It's a small village", Bob told us. "The local fire brigade is a Yorkshire terrier with a weak bladder." One needs to be in the mood for this. It would be unfair to wrench such gems from their setting, were not the setting in which they are made to shine so awful. It lacks even the charm of tawdriness: these are glossy shows, Cadillacs driven by jokes with the power of rubber bands.

We then had the *Paul Daniels Magic Show*. Like most good programmes with an engaging presenter this one has declined from the high standards of the early days, not because Daniels is any worse, but because his material is weaker. The best moments were when he got the 10 of diamonds instead of the seven of spades, and when Hans Moretti, an illusionist, stuck a knife through himself. Paul, alas, felt compelled to steal Hans's thunder: "Please, whatever you do, do not try that effect".

Instead I dined on hot lemon and honey, before returning to watch Jasper Carrott in *Carrot Confidential*, which was broadcast live and again contained some of the mistakes which so improve a television performance. Carrott has wisely spent three years away from the BBC, and consequently wore the least bogus air of any of the night's performers. But his script was painfully thin.

Andrew Gimson

Fresh discoveries of stunning spectacle

A sudden resurgence of interest in the French silent cinema will be heightened by a season of treasures from the Twenties opening at London's National Film Theatre tomorrow: David Robinson sets the scene

This is clearly going to be the year for rediscovering French silent cinema. The Cinemathèque Française is currently celebrating its fiftieth anniversary by restoring (not before time) prints of its national collection. In the autumn the Institut Jean Vigo in Perpignan presented a week of homage to Louis Feuillade, the creator and undisputed master of the mystery serial; and his classic *Les Vampires* will be presented in London next month, in all its six hours, under the auspices of the French Institute.

Last month in Paris the newly formed Association Francaise de Recherche sur l'Histoire du Cinéma presented an extraordinary panorama of the first generation of French screen clowns, who conquered a world-wide audience in the years preceding the First World War. In thousands of one-reel films, André Deed ("Boireau"), Max Linder ("Max"), Charles Prince ("Rigadin") and at least one hundred other, lesser stars established a comic vocabulary and repertory which only grow in charm as their pre-war world of horse-traffic and ribald innocence becomes more remote.

Last week Abel Gance's long-forgotten 1917 melodrama, *La Dixième Symphonie*, was presented at the Barbican with a new score by Amaury du Clossel, performed by the London Concert Orchestra under the composer. It proved a grandiose period-piece, from time to time intimating Gance's future acheivements as a passionate story-teller and technical innovator.

Throughout January, starting tomorrow, the National Film Theatre will present a season of treasures from the French Twenties, selected and arranged jointly by Kevin Brownlow, John Gillett and Richard Abel, whose book on the period, *French Cinema: The First Wave*, is published concurrently.

Until now, the received view of this period has been that the First World War and the rise of Hollywood brought the French cinema industry — which had dominated the world market in pre-war years — to bankruptcy; and that the only French production worthy of attention was the low-budget, independent work of aesthetes and experimenters like Louis Delluc, Marcel l'Herbier, Jean Epstein, the young René Clair and Jean Renoir, and the Dadaists and Surrealists (among them Buñuel and Dali) who toyed with the medium. Before the 1980 revival of *Napoleon*, even Abel Gance was hardly rated among the small accepted élite of classic French silent cinema.

The NFT collection includes a handful of familiar classics — Duvivier's touching adaptation of *Poil de Carotte*, Clair's *Les Deux Timides*, Cavalcanti's city portrait *Rien que les Heures* and *En Rade*, L'Herbier's *L'Argent* and his recently rediscovered comedy of manners, *Le Vertige*, with art-deco sets by Mallet-Stevens. Less familiar are the essentially commercial productions of the time. The postwar years saw a great vogue for period literary adaptations. The big show-piece of the season is Henri Fescourt's six-and-a-half hour serial adaptation of *Les Miserables*, filmed with a wonderful sense of spectacle at the actual locations that Victor Hugo knew and described. From the same year (1925) there are selected episodes from the first screen version of the swashbuckling comedy *Fanfan-la-Tulipe*.

The most legendary of the Twenties sepectales, however, is *Le Miracle des loups*, directed by Raymond Bernard, son of the dramatist Tristan Bernard. Introducing the film, Kevin Brownlow, passionate devotee of Hollywood though he is, says: "Bernard was clearly a disciple of Griffith: his Seige of Beauvais takes the Babylonian sequence of *Intolerance* as its inspiration. But so brilliant a film-maker was he, and so lavish were his resources — 10,000 soldiers and the massive fortifications of Carcassonne — that he virtually surpassed his model."

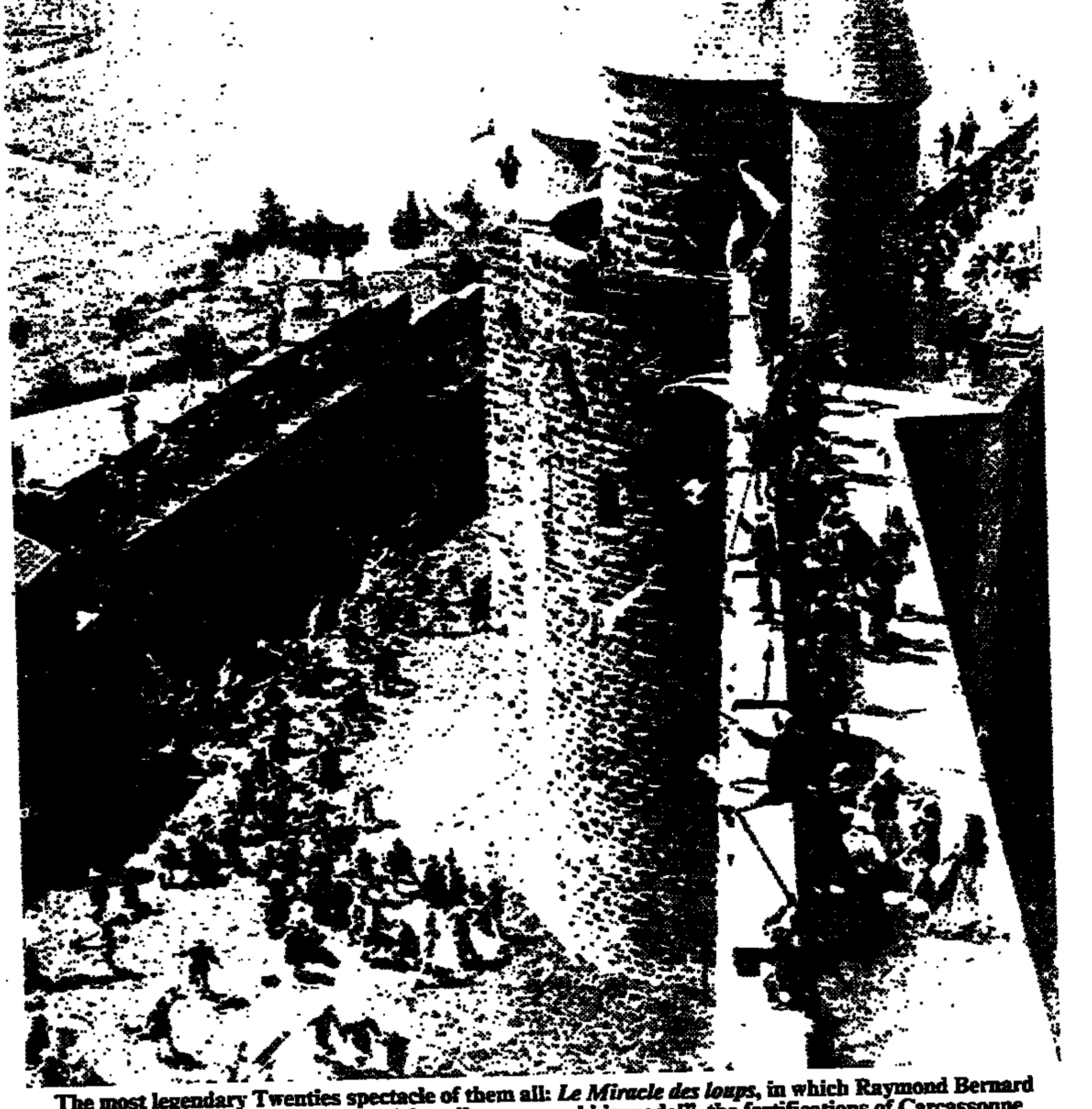
Even Jean Renoir was reluctantly recruited to the spectacle genre, with *Le Tournoi* (1928) — a film which until recently was available only in badly mutilated versions. Despite his misgivings about the undertaking, Renoir contributed all his enthusiasm and talent to the filming, and the period design (again with Mallet-Stevens sets) is intelligent and stylish. Especially notable is the playing of Aldo Nadi in the role of the ambiguous villain, Francois de Baynes.

More recent history figures in Leon Poirier's epic, symbolist reflection on the war — then only a decade away — in *Verdun, visions d'histoire*. The style of the film, mixing documentary footage with dramatic reconstruction (starring Albert Prejean) was singular for its day.

The career of the magisterial Louis Feuillade continued into the Twenties, though he was to die in 1925. The NFT season presents a practically unknown but singularly endearing dramatic comedy, rediscovered at the Perpignan homage, *L'Enfant de Paris*.

In the innocent pre-war years, Feuillade made highly successful comedy series starring two infant clowns, Bebe (Rene Abelard) and — after Bebe's proud parents began to push their salary demands too high — the prodigious Bout-de-Zan (Rene Poyen). Bout-de-Zan, grown to the ripe old age of 16, made his comeback in *L'Enfant de Paris* as a young Parisian comedian with a charm and quality reminiscent of Truffaut's Antoine Doinel. He had now acquired a diminutive female partner called Bouboule, who displayed a precocious comic genius in several other late Feuillade films.

A curious byway of French films at this time was the *émigré* Russian cinema. The biggest romantic stars of pre-revolutionary days, Ivan Mosjoukine and his wife Natalia Lissenko, settled in Paris, along with their director, Alexander Volkov, and a whole entourage of their compatriots, who formed a production company called Albatros. Mosjoukine could be extraordinarily effective as a realist actor — as in his last Russian film, *Father Sergius*. In France he exploited more extravagant mannerism, which suits the high-spirited Venetian extravaganza *Casanova* and the proto-surrealist fantasy *Le Brasier ardent*, in which the diva Lissenko has nightmares of being impelled towards a man tied to a burning stake.



The most legendary Twenties spectacle of them all: *Le Miracle des loups*, in which Raymond Bernard employed such resources that he "virtually surpassed his model", the fortifications of Carcassonne

One of the major rediscoveries from this period however is the film work of André Antoine (1858-1945), whose contribution to the cinema appears to have been no less brilliant than the reforms that he introduced to the theatre in his Théâtre Libre.

Antoine was nearing 60 when he turned his attention to the new art, with a thrilling renewal of excitement. "Believe me, I have been a fool to battle for thirty years creating décors: now the cinema doesn't care a damn. It says to me '... I'll make you act plays in Nature, in reality ... '." He demonstrated his point in eight films whose qualities have nothing "theatrical" about them, but come from Antoine's ability to perceive the fundamentals of a form.

The NFT season includes his film version of Zola's *La Terre*, which he had already presented on stage. The story of a rural King Lear whose children drive him out after he has divided his farm among them, the film portrays a greedy and rapacious peasantry. In the extraordinary realism achieved through the performances and use of locations, and above all in the relation of characters to the environment, the film is decades ahead of its time. Antoine anticipates not only the Soviets, but also Vigo and Fellini. Film history never comes to the end of its surprises.

Familiar news

The new year stretches out ahead, ushered in on Radio 4 — or very nearly — by a new voice so uncannily like the old that I wondered if I had slipped back a year. Deprived of his familiar television face, John Humphrys, making his début on Friday's **Today**, sounded for all the world like Timpson's twin — a little more serious perhaps, as who would not be in his position, but offering substantial reassurance to his listeners that nothing very much is going to change.

RADIO

Will anything change, and if so what? On New Year's Day itself a group of radio's established correspondents took time off from reporting the immediate past to indulge in a little minor prophecy. In **The Year Ahead** (Radio 4) the veteran John Osman asked for their predictions and elicited no surprises. There will, we learn, be no super-power summits in 1987, and no agreement on arms control. There will continue to be problems keeping the price of oil up and the Japanese trade surplus down.

So it went on: the crystal ball was suspended briefly over India, China and South Africa, and very briefly over the whole of South America. This suggested what I am sure any analysis of international news would confirm: that that immense and active subcontinent has difficulty in existing in the British consciousness, except as a source of three powerful drugs: cocaine, football, and war.

Anyway, this was very much a view of the short-term future as projected from the short-term past, and mapped out for the purposes of news bulletins — that is to say, seen in terms of macro-groups and macro-events, and focused almost entirely on the countries and the people who might be expected to generate them. What in fact we shall remember of 1987, as last Monday's **News Review of the Year** (Radio 4) did of 1986, will be things much more varied, much more local, much more unforseen. Even so this retrospect, as presented by Tim LLewellyn, was another news view in which the big, the dramatic and the more or less obvious predominated.

That there are other ways of looking was demonstrated by two of the week's **Classic Features** series (Radio 4). The late René Cutforth's, **The Thirty-Eighth Parallel**, hardly benefited from the dramatic reconstructions of events in Korea that nowadays would be covered by actuality, but the reporting in this 1952 production more than made up for that. It had a quality almost universally missing from the work of present-day practitioners. Cutforth's large individuality, combined with the observational powers of a first-rate photographer and the expressive genius of a poet, perfectly conveyed the squalor and futility of the Korean war, yet without in any way devaluing its moments of sensational heroism.

On Thursday the late Charles Parker, in a repeat of one of the famous radio ballads he made with Ewan MacColl and Peggy Seegar, celebrated an act of personal heroism. **The Ballad of John Axon** was the story of an engine driver in the days of steam whose efforts to stop a runaway train earned him a posthumous George Cross. In 1958 Parker and his colleagues wove an affecting yet restrained memorial to him out of interview and song and sound-effect in a way that brought home the very feel of the man's courage. This programme is, of course, also a memorial to the prodigious yet wayward talent of its maker. When the time comes to parade the classics of the 1980s who will compare with him? Or with Cutforth either?

For the animal kingdom also the future has been under discussion. In **What Price Wildlife?** (Radio 4, Saturday) the emphasis was on price. There may be all sorts of profound reasons — ecological, genetic, even spiritual — for conservation, but in the end the wild will have to be managed and it will have to show a good return if nations are to be persuaded not to extinguish their wild animal populations. Part of the management will involve tourism, for that, which started as a boon, has now become a menace, so much does it impinge that animal hunting and feeding patterns are disrupted. In one game park, the presenter Colin Tudge told us, the cheetahs have moved their hunting to the middle of the day. Why? Because the tourists are at lunch.

David Wade

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CONCERTS

LSO/Davis

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Sir Colin Davis may have forsaken a permanent British conducting job for the more favourable working conditions of West Germany, but he has not, thank goodness, forsaken Britain altogether. Unfortunately, here he found himself in charge of a London Symphony Orchestra in lacklustre form, sounding for all the world as though they had been working throughout the Christmas break while we critics were relishing a few indulgent evenings in front of the box. Perhaps that was the case.

At any rate, immediately Sir Colin began Berlioz's *Beatrice and Benedict* Overture, it was obvious that the orchestra was not going to match his brisk, businesslike approach. The violins, for example, should have had a steely sparkle about them, something surely relatively easily achieved in an acoustic all too sympathetic to the higher frequencies of the sound spectrum. But instead they sounded conspicuously drab, and in doing so set the pattern for their colleagues. The ridiculously unsubtle contributions of the trombones apart, it all seemed depressingly unmotivated.

Such an attitude scarcely helped Schumann's Piano Concerto, a piece into which, in any case, it is difficult to breathe new life these days. Despite a few unimportant smudges, Murray Perahia gave the work with all his customary, predominantly soft-toned elegance, though, as if to prove that he can play like a lion as well as a well-mannered house cat, he gave the first movement's cadenza plenty of power. The finale, arguably the most cogent of the three movements, had just the right degree of rhythmic swagger about it, but even so the temporary separation of conductor and baton was a mildly amusing diversion one tried in vain to ignore.

Happily, not even some rather more serious orchestral inefficiencies — for example a disaster on an important low trumpet note and some generally ragged ensemble work from the strings — were going to stop Sir Colin from giving a richly rewarding performance of Sibelius's Fifth Symphony. This impressive monolith of a work was paced beautifully, the music's steadily increasing momentum in the first movement arising as a natural consequence of Sibelius's individual way of exploiting tonal conflicts. And with what force the wheel seemed to have turned its full circle by the symphony's magnificent end.

Stephen Pettitt

Michele Campanella

Wigmore Hall

The Weber celebrations continue. Although the bicentenary of the composer's birth fell last year, this recital took the liberty of stretching the dates a little to include a selection of his better-known piano works.

Weber is remembered today primarily for his operas, and so it is no surprise to find vocal elements at work in the piano music as well. Among the busy passagework of the First Piano Sonata are odd lyrical ideas reminiscent of *Oberon*, though it has to be said that few of them are its equal in quality. Even the careful and sympathetic attention of Michele Campanella could not breathe much life into its first movement. But the sinister opening bars of the Minuet (the forests of *Freischütz* now come to mind) herald music with a more potent atmosphere, well captured in this performance.

Weber was, of course, a considerable pianist in his own right. The *Polacca brillante*, surprisingly wanting the last ounce of brilliance from Campanella, and the *perpetuum mobile* Finale of the Sonata are the compositions of a virtuoso. From these it was a natural progression to the music of Liszt after the interval.

In the second book of *Annés de pelèrinage*, inspired by the art and literature of Italy, Campanella displayed a strong technique allied to a generally effective range of colours, though there is still scope to develop detailed responses and individual touches of personality. The first Petrarch Sonnet has been inflected more tellingly. The third of the sonnets, however, drew some lovely playing, subdued, poetic, broodingly imaginative. And the *Dante Sonata* made a tempestuous end: a powerful demonic urge kept the energy and drive pushing ahead through the final pages of double octaves, a good choice for a capable Italian pianist.

Richard Fairman

DANCE

The Nutcracker

Festival Hall

Ringing the changes on who does what must help to keep dancers sane during the long runs each Christmas of *The Nutcracker*, a necessary income-producing obligation for London Festival Ballet as for many other companies.

I suppose that Sasha, Tchaikovsky's sister, counts as the ballerina part, since she gets to dance the Sugar Plum Fairy's big number, but apart from that she mostly has to stand about and look kindly or anxious or delighted, according to what is happening around her, especially to her little daughter Tanya.

Of four performers I have seen in the role, Andria Hall is the most satisfactory because she has the experience to play the young mother sympathetically but with just a hint of bossiness, and the crispness to make much of the final pas de deux and solo. The next best is probably Mireille Bourgeois, who has a very individual way with movement, soft and beautiful.

Tanya actually has more to dance, although nothing so demanding or rewarding. It is going to be hard for anyone to match Trinidad Sevillano's playing of this, because she looks so sweet and innocent, but Virginie Alberti's more stylized treatment works well, even if the duet with her Nutcracker Prince, at the beginning of the Snowflake Scene, has a fervour that must be in danger of melting the ice they are soon to skate across.

The Nutcracker Prince has been the most consistently well danced role. I have already praised Matz Skoog. Alessandro Molin is devastatingly handsome and romantic; Koen Onzia performs with dazzling technique, especially in grading his many jumping steps from easy lightness to powerful soaring. I missed seeing Patrick Armand in this part because of an injury (his, not mine) but experience and reports suggest that he keeps up the standard.

Apart from Peter Schaufuss, the other male lead, doubling as Dad and Sugar Plum's cavalier, has gone to three comparatively junior dancers. Tim Almaas has a sparkling personality but only moderate prowess in bravura display; Martyn Fleming proves a little stolid in appearance and dancing; Martin James is more elegant than either of them, more stylish and dashing, if not yet a fully assured partner.

Notable newcomers are Christine Camillo (just transferred from the Scottish Ballet), outstandingly springy in the Spanish Dance, and Bjarne Hecht (from the Royal Danish Ballet), manfully strong in the Waltz of the Flowers.

John Percival

Unexpectedly enjoyable

GALLERIES

Elizabeth II: Portraits of Sixty Years

National Portrait Gallery

The normal assumption is that the recent history of the Royal Family has not been too productive of great, interesting or even passable art. How many truly memorable royal portraits can you think of since the death of Queen Victoria? Indeed, it is probably symptomatic that the only 20th-century royal portrait practically anyone can at once summon to mind is the 1955 Annigoni of the present Queen. But symptomatic of what? Is the picture really so despicable as persons of advanced ideas have held it to be for the last 30 years? Or is the main trouble that we have been passing through a time when the painted portrait — any painted portrait — has been consigned to the margins of the art experience, turned out, it is assumed, only by hacks too limited in their horizons to be capable of anything else?

In the light of such gloomy considerations, the current show at the National Portrait Gallery (until March 22), *Elizabeth II: Portraits of Sixty Years*, is unexpectedly interesting, and even agreeable. It helps, obviously, that we have come back now to an attitude by which academic skills are not necessarily dismissed out of hand. Photo-realism is quite respectable, and we do not even look too steeply down our noses at a touch of romantic idealization. So, the prospect of seeing a succession of images, photographic as well as painted, of the reigning monarch from birth right up to date is not in itself so likely to arouse suspicion as until recently it was. We do not have, any more, to feel ashamed of rather liking the first Annigoni, because we do not have to believe on principle that this is not the way any serious painter should be painting in the middle of the 20th century.

It still looks, in fact, as good as ever, matching accuracy with an acceptable regard for the Queen as symbol. The more controversial 1969 Annigoni, though now ripe for reassessment, does continue to grate slightly: it is very noticeable that the show's catalogue gets the best out of it by homing in on the head and shoulders for its colour reproduction, since finally the canvas has too much dead space in it, for all its monumental pretensions. But the surprises come elsewhere — though not with Michael Leonard's sixtieth birthday portrait, which stands up admirably for itself in this context as a painterly painting which happily balances the regal with the intimate, and confirms that it is the best portrait since the classic young woman of the first Annigoni.

Faintly Sargentesque, but perfectly functional: detail from Philip de Laszlo's *Princess Elizabeth of York* (1933)

But a number of others have gained with time and habitude. The 1933 De Laszlo, a faintly Sargentesque essay in prettiness, perfectly fulfils its function, even if that is not a very lofty one. The earlier of the two Moynihans, that of 1945, is the more effective and affecting, capturing exactly the mixture of strength and vulnerability in the young princess. Several are just too chocolate-boxy, though I must confess to a sneaking enjoyment of Grace Wheatley's 1959 fantasy *The Crown*, in which the Queen is seen amidst happy laughing natives of various shades. And for connoisseurs of the bizarre there are Laura Knight's Coventry picture of 1948-51, in which the then Princess Elizabeth is made to look impossibly dreamy and disconnected from the civic function going on around her, and William Roberts's 1959 *Trooping the Colour*, in which a quite unrecognizable iron lady on horseback presides over the serried ranks of tin soldiers.

It cannot be claimed that the show is rich in great art, or even very good art. But it is a lot better, and a lot more provocative, than anyone might have expected.

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SPECTRUM

Foot soldiers in the army of morality

The upsurge of the "moral majority" is a phenomenon of the late '80s. **Andrew Lycett** assesses its power and meets some of its disciples

Noon on a damp Saturday; the brown curtains in Queen Edith Hall, a drab Sixties-looking chapel in an unprepossessing middle-class housing estate on the outskirts of Cambridge are drawn to keep out the wintry sun.

One hundred and twenty people have paid £3 each for a regional day conference organized by Christian Action, Research and Education (CARE). The delegates are younger than expected — students and professionals, dressed unpretentiously in sensible sweaters and cord trousers. Most carry well-thumbed Bibles — the New International Version.

At the CARE bookstall at the back of the chapel a teacher in her early twenties picks up the lavender-coloured booklet *Gay Lessons — How Public Funds are used to promote Homosexuality among Children and Young People*, written with a research grant from CARE. She examines the Little Feet badges (95p), with their type-written note saying they represent the "perfectly formed feet" of a baby after 10 weeks in the womb.

Now the participants are restless and eager for lunch. Standing on a small platform, with a blank hymn board *behind him*, Charlie Colchester, chairman of CARE Campaigns, talks about the child protection campaign on which his organization will concentrate during the next nine months.

Colchester, a fogeyish Oxford graduate in his mid-thirties, used to work with the now defunct Nationwide Festival of Light. He helped found CARE Campaigns in 1981 for those "who believe that for the health of our nation, law and public policy in Britain should be in harmony with basic Christian standards".

Tugging at his braces, he urges his audience to "seize the opportunity" provided by the recent Education Bill to become parent governors in schools. They must "ensure this God-given moment is not lost". CARE will help mobilize them — "if I can use this term, but I see it almost as a military campaign" — through its "calls to action" and its resource material. When CARE issues its calls to action on topics such as abortion or sex education in schools, the 40,000 people on its mailing list are meant to write to their local councils and MPs.

Colchester makes it clear he wants more. Christians must use the political process to turn back the tide of the permissive society. "It is time we came out of the closet and said so," enjoins Colchester. "We do actually represent the majority in this country."

It is a view given significant support in the recent *Times*/MORI poll on attitudes to the Aids crisis, a factor which itself may be bolstering a moral revival.

Ernest McQuoid is a cadaverous northern Irishman with a twinkle in his eye, who recently left his job as chief welfare officer for British Telecom to become director of the CARE Trust Caring Initiatives.

McQuoid had given an animated talk on the "Biblical basis for caring". Jesus told us to love our neighbour as ourselves, he said, straining forward at the lectern on the platform. "How much do you love yourself? How much do you care for yourself? That is how much you should care for your neighbour."

Jerome Barrs, intense and slightly melancholy, gave CARE Campaigns' equivalent lecture, the biblical basis of campaigning.

He told how, after the evangelical movement had been active in reforming society in the 19th century, Christians had turned away from social action. "That falling away was a misunderstanding of the Gospel."

CARE's constituency programme coordinator, Vivienne Clark, says Christians *should* involve themselves in government by joining CARE's Constituency Core groups, and responding to its calls to action.

Colchester claims that CARE can call upon an Evangelical Christian constituency of 1.5 million people in Britain. "Our aim is to mobilize them," he says, using that word again. However, despite his earlier call, apparently to the contrary, he denies that CARE is part of a moral *majority in Britain — at least* in the American sense of the phrase. "America is a different political arena. Ours is so much more intimate and parochial."

Nevertheless CARE is one of a number of groups (most of them recently formed) *trying* to reintroduce Christian and family values into British society through involvement in politics.

Some of the groups' members are not as reticent as Colchester. Chairing a meeting of the Conservative Family Campaign (CFC) this autumn, Exeter GP Dr Adrian Rogers declared: "We are the party of the family. We are the moral majority."

Some unashamedly look to *the American moral right for* political techniques. John Smeaton, general secretary of the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC), recently spent three weeks with the US National Right to Life campaign looking into "voter identification". SPUC, which already has a formidable reputation for being able to apply grassroots pressure on MPs on abortion issues, intends to celebrate its 20th anniversary this month by canvassing every voter in the country.

Graham Webster-Gardiner, chairman of the CFC, now wants to exert that pressure over a *wider range of issues. Recently* adopted as Tory candidate in Newport East, he says: "It used to be said that an MP's character was worth a few hundred votes. By identification of issues and where they stand, we're going to make that a few thousand." He is not alone in thinking marginal seats could well be decided on candidates' attitudes to moral issues. "There are two million believing Christians prepared to consider their vote," he says.

By the next general election he would like every candidate to declare his position on a variety of moral issues from abortion and homosexuality to Sunday trading and religious or sex education in schools.

Chris Whitehouse, an astute observer of developments as a committee member of Family and Youth Concern, and research assistant to the husband and wife Conservative parliamentary duo, *Nicholas* and Ann Winterton, believes an incipient but effective British moral majority could develop as a coalition between consummate lobbyists, SPUC, and the non-party but hardline focus for evangelical righteousness, CARE Campaigns.

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Ros Drinkwater

Birth of an ideal: Phylis Bowman and John Smeaton of SPUC, which is marking its 20th year in a burgeoning movement

WHO'S WHO IN THE DRIVE FOR A MORAL RESURGENCE

SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN

Twentieth anniversary on January 11. Claims to be oldest pro-life group in the world. Effective, good at grass-roots and parliamentary lobbying. Lobbyist Antonia Hopkins doubles as research assistant to Sir Bernard Braine, chairman of All-Party Parliamentary Pro-Life Committee. She is also founder and *Honorary Secretary of Conservative* Family Campaign. Invariably pulls together a majority on pro-life issues in Parliament. Wider political ambitions. Intends to get into "voter identification" before next election. General secretary is (Roman Catholic) Phyllis Bowman. Administrator Robert Whelan, one of the founders of CFC. Claims all party support.

CHRISTIAN ACTION RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

Activist evangelical incarnation of Seventies phenomenon, the National *Festival of Light. Formed* 1981. Two wings — a charity CARE Trust headed by Welsh preacher Rev Lyndon Bowring, which does research into moral issues and runs homes for the disadvantaged, and non-charitable CARE Campaigns, headed by evangelical Anglican businessman Charlie Colchester, which lobbies on Christian issues. "Services" Christian MPs. Large (40,000) and growing mailing list. Active in campaign against Sunday trading. Working for repeal of 1959 Obscene Publications Act and 1967 Abortion Act.

NATIONAL CAMPAIGN *FOR THE FAMILY*

Inaugurated at a meeting in Central Hall, Westminster, in February 1986 on the initiative of (among others) Valerie Riches. Drawing up a manifesto on family issues. Aims to have academically-based research documents on "two dozen *specific policy objectives*" on family issues. Aims "to face all main political parties with very explicit questions in the run-up to the next election". Head: Professor Richard Whitfield, formerly director of child care for Save the Children Fund, now Emeritus Professor of Education at Aston University. Financial backing from the Salvation Army and support from groups such as CARE Campaigns and the National Campaign for Law and Order.

JUBILEE CENTRE

Small, well-funded *"Christian research group"* based in Cambridge. Formed autumn 1983 by Dr Michael Schluter (left), an economist, who, while working for the World Bank in Africa, began to look into Christianity as "a consistent alternative to Marxism and capitalism". Sees extended, rather than nuclear, family as the basic social unit. Strong Biblical base. This month will launch Family Base — to look specifically at economic pressures on family. Often controversial; sees "get on your bike" philosophy as inimical to family *relations*.

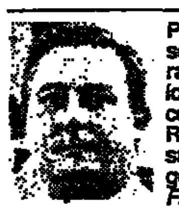
INFORM

Information bureau set up by Victoria Gillick (left), "to assist parents and those who care for children to have more information on government policies and their effects on family life". Tackles issues such as sex education and contraception. Links with like-minded immigrant groups, such as Union of Moslem *Organisations*.

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR CHRISTIAN STANDARDS IN SOCIETY

Launched March, 1986. Aims to have panel of speakers to put Christian view*point at meetings nationwide. Local* networks. Media orientated (publishes magazine *Moral Choice*). Chairman Lady Watherston, ex-chairman of Order of Christian Unity. Patrons include Kenneth Adam, chairman of Industrial Christian Fellowship and Industry Year 1986 and author Malcolm Muggeridge (though latter says he "didn't pursue" his involvement).

SOCIAL AFFAIRS UNIT



Pressure and research group inaugurated in 1980 which looks at the family in the context of society. Recently published successful critique of government policies, *Family Portraits*. Headed by *Times* columnist (and sociologist) Digby Anderson (above). Adopts *a free market (rather than moral majority)* approach.

CONSERVATIVE FAMILY CAMPAIGN

Conservative party (though unofficial) pressure group. Critical of Conservative failure to protect family on a variety of issues (though absolves Margaret Thatcher of responsibility). Launched in March 1986 by aspiring Tory candidate Graham Webster-Gardiner (chairman), *along with Robert Whelan and Antonia* Hopkins. Active in lobbying on parents' rights on sex education in this year's Education Bill. Supporters include Peter Bruinvels, (above).

FAMILY AND YOUTH CONCERN

Non-party pressure group on family issues. (Originally The Responsible Society.) Headed by engaging businessman's wife, Valerie Riches. Sees "the life-giving family as the centre of society". Believes all parties have failed to promote this ideal. Publishes hard-hitting booklets on family issues, latest of which — *The Seductive Sell*, a look at teenage magazines — received substantial media coverage. Closely linked to National Campaign for the Family.

This hiss the year of the snake

Reptiles may soon be slithering up from the bottom rung of the social ladder

Snakes got a bad name early on in their dealings with mankind. Following the unpleasantness of temptation in the Garden of Eden, Genesis records: "And the Lord God said unto the Serpent: Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life."

After that, the fortunes of snakes never really recovered. And in Britain, snakes are increasingly hard to find even for people who want to; *loss of sheltering hedgerows*, ponds, and middens — together with ancient human prejudice — has brought them to a low point.

But this year, the RSPCA and the Fauna and Flora Preservation Society (FFPS) are campaigning in the cause of the country's three native snakes, and frogs, toads, newts and lizards — such as the blindworm — as well.

They also want a change in the law because the Wildlife and Countryside Act offers no protection to "common" species of reptiles and amphibians. The two groups want to see an end to the "appalling anomaly" which makes it an offence to kill and injure some animals but not others.

Blindworm: upwardly mobile?

Tom Langton, FFPS staff herpetologist, is taking on the pro-snake cause with vigour. He believes that a combination of legislation and education can achieve for snakes and their cousins what has been done for birds in the last 20-30 years.

"There is a lot of prejudice to be overcome," he says. "Unlike birds, people are not familiar with snakes. We want to educate children to look at and study them. People may not yet have come to love the snake but there are hopeful signs of a new awarness of the needs of reptiles. For instance, 300 places have been established where toads can cross roads in safety."

He hopes people will create *snake refuges of rotting* timber or piles of sawdust in which they may raise young.

Britain's snakes are the adder, or viper, the smooth, and the grass snake. The last two are entirely harmless and it is around the adder that most nervous legend has accumulated.

Langton says: "Obviously to most people dogs provide more companionship than adders. But in terms of fatal threat, adders are less dangerous to a family than keeping bees, owning a dog, or riding a horse."

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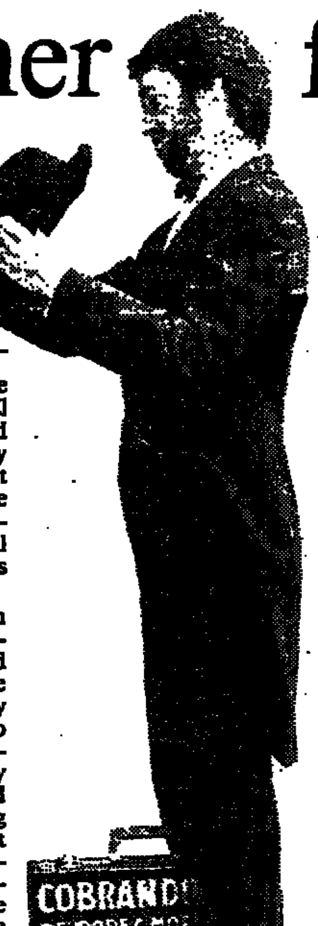
Another fine mess...

Laurel and Hardy have been born *again, as bizarre* debt enforcers in Colombia's capital



The thin one, dressed to ruin your day and start the gossip

In Latin America mere mention of El Gordo y El Flaco — "the fat one and the thin one" — is usually guaranteed to ignite instant grins of recognition since the phrase is the popular sobriquet of that immortal comic duo better known as Laurel and Hardy.

However, the same words in Bogota, the Colombian capital,. can trigger wide-eyed alarm since they also evoke another double act whose very public performances are no laughing matter. Elegant tux*edo-clad gents, crowned by* bowlers or top hats, and twirling Chaplinesque walking sticks, their line of work might well have served as the scenario for a classic short starring Stan and Ollie. For the key elements in their act are *sinister black briefcases which* they always carry and on which are writ large the dreaded words "deudores morosos" (debtors in default).

In short, they are debt collectors and when they come calling the only entertainment value is that enjoyed by malicious onlookers as they watch the embarrased victim squirm.

The eccentric garb of "los chepitos", as the debt-collecting twosomes are also nicknamed, makes them somewhat conspicuous, which of course is the whole point of the fiendish exercise. If you are in business, their arrival on your premises is not exactly good for trade, while if they turn up at your home, gossiping tongues will soon spread the shameful news. There is no escape for a debtor who runs for cover: "los chepitos" will merely turn their act into a long-running show by parking themselves on the doorstep for hours on end.

There are about 300 "fat one and thin one" acts performing in Bogota for several thriving debt-collection agencies, although their girths do not necessarily reflect those of Laurel and Hardy. *Ironi*cally, they do not actually collect debts. They are simply charged with visiting debtors, pointing out the error of their *financial ways by producing* photocopies of long unpaid bills from their briefcases, and not leaving until the victims have dutifully phoned their agency's head office to solemnly promise that the matter will be speedily cleared up.

The "chepitos" tend to be philosophical types who smile a lot, are firm but unfailingly polite, and able to maintain grace under pressure despite the kind of violent abuse that would have made Stan Laurel sob hysterically and Oliver Hardy shoot a long-suffering look at the camera.

Increasingly though, they are turning in their walking sticks for umbrellas, which they employ not so much as protection against Bogota's frequent rain but as defensive weapons to ward off barrages of missiles which often fly in their direction.

They first put their act on the road about a decade ago, and, with the devastating recession which later struck Colombia and the rest of Latin America, business for Bogota's debt-collection agencies has been booming.

But the main reason for the mushrooming of such agencies is that Bogota's overburdened court system has not kept pace with the city's dramatic growth; in the last 20 years the population has more than tripled to 5.5 million, while the city still has the same number of courts — 29. So a bad-debt case can last more than two years, by which time the debtor may well have vanished or declared bankruptcy.

Colombia's National Association of Litigation Lawyers (Andal) claims "los chepitos" have displaced their *members and that they engage* in what amounts to extortion. The debt-collectors retort that "our uniformed personnel" only go into action as a last *resort after repeated warning* letters have been ignored. The agencies, which take between 10 and 30 per cent of what they collect, also claim that Andal is bitter becase its officials were once visited by a pair of "chepitos" over a debt owed to a banqueting company after the association's annual dinner.

Indeed, lawyers are said to be Bogota's most notorious debtors. Poorly-paid in a high-risk job, the "chepitos" have a big turnover, few lasting more than a year. The work attracts unemployed actors, who regard it as good training and a way to subsidise themselves. Those few who finally fulfill the dream of theatrical career will never encounter more hostile audiences than they did during their ill-starred careers as Laurel and Hardy.

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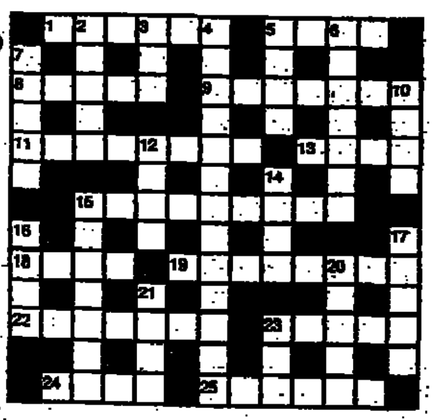

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Run ragged by the rat race

British companies are finally facing up to the effects of stress, which costs the country 100 million working days a year. Liz Gill reports

Wendy Hoile

On the surface they were typical middle-managers of British industry – fortyish, £20,000 a year-ish, responsible job, wife and kids living in the suburbs. What made these five men special, though, was that they were prepared to admit something was deeply wrong with their working lives – and that something had to be done about it.

They had come, for different reasons, to an ivy-clad country house in Berkshire for a two-day residential course called Harnessing Stress in Industry. One had been badly affected by the suicide of a colleague. Another had been warned by his doctor that unless he learned to cope he was on the verge of major ill-health. Others were troubled by less precise feelings – simply that the demands of their job were harming their physical and emotional well-being.

There is still some shame in the business world about admitting you cannot cope – "when my clerk handed me the course notes he put them rather furtively in a plain brown paper envelope," said one. The five men, all from a nationalized industry, insisted on remaining anonymous.

They are among a growing band who acknowlege that stress is a curse of modern life that is not going to go away and must be tackled. The course, run by the Stress Foundation – set up four years ago to advise British industry on ways of beating the problem – cost their employer £200 each. Its benefits could be incalculable.

Dr Audrey Livingston Booth, the foundation director, spells out the value in stark terms: "More than half of all illness reported to GPs is stress-related. Absenteeism through stress loses us more days than strikes. In 1981 it cost Britain an average of £132 for every employee in the country – and it's a lot more than that now."

Her views were echoed at a recent conference called Stress and the City, which heard that 100 million working days a year are lost because people cannot face going to work. At one extreme the results are suicide, mental collapse and coronaries; at the other an almost measureless fund of human misery.

The effects of a husband's work-stress can devastate his wife and family. One woman told Dr Livingston Booth: "I feel like a one-parent family. My husband just doesn't want to know about the kids. He is completely absorbed in his work."

Dr Livingston Booth comments: "The husband's work overload and time-pressures mean he has no time for his family and often cannot even sit down and talk about the problems of his wife's day or the children's schooling. She has to carry it all as well as worrying about her husband's deteriorating health. The frequent result is that the wife suffers depression.

"The other problem arises when both husband and wife have a career. Then the conflict between the demands of a family and a full-time job can be just impossible. The children feel hard done-by, the husband becomes moody and difficult to please. Alcohol is often a problem. The husband and wife start drinking together at the end of the day and all too often sharing a bottle becomes a habit.

"Or you get the situation where women work from home and have to cope with the children, their husband's stress and the demands of their own work. At first they're buoyed by the adrenalin of being Superwoman, but after four years all they want to do is find a nice dark hole to crawl into."

'More than half of all illness reported to GPs is stress-related'

Dr Livingston Booth conducts the course with a mixture of the common sense and jollity of the nurse she was and the know-how of the neuro-psychologist and lecturer she later became. Before she gets them each client – or "delegate", as she calls them – has filled in questionnaires on diet, sleep patterns, alcohol and tobacco intake, recreations, sexual behaviour, change at work or home and general fun. For a week they keep a chart of daily causes of stress and their reactions to it.

A list of what bothers them at work might range from the minor – "what really angers me is when someone takes the last cup of coffee from the filter machine without making any more" – to the major: commuting, noise, too much work, job insecurity, having to take work home, lack of support from above and below.

Dr Livingston Booth starts the course by taking them through the three stages of stress and how the body reacts. Stage one is the positive part, where the adrenalin flows, the job gets done and the executive feels great. Stage two is where it starts to get out of control – he feels driven and anxious and may seek comfort in drink or drugs, while getting warning signals such as migraines, stomach troubles and twitches. In stage three the intellect is dulled and emotional and physical health deteriorates dramatically.

The men are given a personality test to determine their type – As (ambitious and angry) and Cs (anxious worriers) are most at risk, Bs (placid) and Ds (carefree) the least. Throughout, group members are invited to discuss their experiences and feelings. Most talk frankly. "It takes me five or six hours to simmer down when I get home," Mark says. "My family think that because I'm away from the pressures I can suddenly be nice again. But by the time I've recovered the day's over."

Ted adds: "I beaver away all day shovelling stacks of paper, going to endless meetings and doing loads of overtime, but because of my workload I feel everything is being done scrappily. I've gradually cut down on my leisure activities and I now resent that enormously."

"I've become increasingly irritable and snappy at home and I know that's bad," Simon says. "My wife works and that's good because she knows what stress is. But in another way it's bad, because we have two loads of stress. When my father came home his pipe and slippers were waiting for him and he never lifted a finger.

"On a wider level I'm quite certain that our social evils are being aggravated by stress because it's being taken out on the family. Even if it's not directed at the children they're very susceptible to the vibes. I think we're building enormous problems."

'Women feel in even less control of their lives than men do'

Dr Livingston Booth tackles stress through the body as well as the brain, taking her class through autogenic exercises, which entail deep-breathing and letting muscles relax. She shows how to massage away a tension headache, or the correct way to position the body in a chair or during a phone call for minimum strain.

She talks about eating the right food at the right time, the need for proper exercise to burn up frustration – "I get stressed up to the eyeballs in my job. I pound away on my exercise cycle. Have a go at a punchbag if you like." She teaches them first aid tricks for depression like drawing funny faces, seeking out an amusing colleague or arranging a night out.

For dealing with conflicts at work she outlines five types: the turtle who withdraws, the shark who forces, the teddy bear who smooths, the owl who confronts and the fox – the ideal – who compromises. She tells them to look realistically at what can be achieved at work. "If you know you can't do it all, get your priorities right. Make a choice." Stressed colleagues can be helped by team-work, sharing management problems, wider social involvement and the development of pride in the company.

Dr Livingston Booth is currently writing a book on women's special circumstances. "In many ways women handle stress better but they take on an awful amount and tend to feel in even less control of their lives than men do. They become depressed where men become anxious. They feel guilty because they feel responsible for so much – home, family and job – and want to succeed in all of them."

As awareness grows so does the need for such courses. The Health Education Council now has 2,000 tutors country-wide who run Look After Yourself sessions either in the community or the workplace. Liaison officer Glenys Rowe can organize courses tailored to company needs. "Employers are now starting to accept the reality of stress at work, and accepting some responsibility for it. But we're still a long way behind the Americans and a lot of the Continental countries."

Penny Yendell, a stress consultant for the HEC, believes some of it stems from the old stiff-upper lip attitude. "There's a lot of this big boys don't cry and Mummy's brave little soldier idea. Other societies wail and dance and shout it away. We put on the lid and stew."

Mrs Yendell is a committee member of the International Stress and Tension Control Society which monitors teaching standards. She works from the five basic Western techniques which stress a physical approach – body awareness, muscle control, posture, breathing – rather than the philosophical methods of the East. "You can learn the techniques quite quickly," she says, "but like any new skill you have to practise a lot. But two 10-minute sessions a day can change your behaviour in two or three months. In an ideal world all workplaces would have a rest room where you could go and sit and be quiet without feeling silly. Everyone needs time to lick their wounds."

Stress experts are now focusing on the City where the Big Bang is providing an extreme example of men and women under pressure. Dr Joe Kearns, Bupa's Occupational Health medical director, fears for them. "They're going over the top like gung-ho marines, but how long can we sustain casualties before we seriously deplete the reservoir of young whizz-kids or experienced men? It's time for the experts to sit down and think what can be done. What is happening in the City has lessons for all white collar work."

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It's only natural to nod off at noon

If you feel a wave of tiredness every four hours, take heart. Scientists say it is normal

Should you be reading this during your lunch break and begin to nod off, it is not – I hope – a sign of boredom. You are simply doing what comes naturally. According to recent research, an afternoon nap at one's workplace need not be evidence of a particularly lethargic nature or an excessively good expense account lunch, but the body's response to an internal clock.

Ever since circadian rhythms – regular changes occurring roughly every 24 hours in plants, animals and humans – were identified, doctors concentrated on establishing how our body switched from day time alertness to somnolence and how we slept during the night.

Although they knew that primitive tribes tended to dose during the day, sleep researchers at the Max Planck Institute for Psychiatry in Munich ignored "non-nocturnal sleep" until they realized that at least half of the volunteers slept or cat-napped around midday. Some even curled up on the floor (avoiding the bed on which they could be observed), after disconnecting the elecronic equipment to escape detection.

Spurred on by this evidence the scientists decided to establish why human beings preferred to doze at noon, when they could go out in the midday sun.

Human guinea pigs were incarcerated for three days and nights and ordered to do absolutely nothing. They were not allowed to read or write, listen to music, have regular meals, shower or change their clothes.

Throughout 72 hours, their temperatures and brain waves, as well as the length and depth of each sleeping period, were monitored. The results were unambiguous. But apart from wanting to sleep at night, the volunteers tended to nod off between noon and 1 pm, and (to a lesser extent) at round about nine in the morning and five in the afternoon.

This four hour cycle, which has nothing to do with the circadian rhythm, is the same as that followed by babies from the age of three months, who – if their mothers are lucky – enjoy a long night's sleep, followed by three, shorter day time sleeping periods.

A word of warning to those who succumb to midday sleepiness: people don't necessarily feel, look or work better after a lunch time 40 winks.

At roughly the same time as this research, BBC TV was investigating how these and other biological rhythms influence our lives. The result – *The Twenty Five Hour Clock* can be seen in the first programme of a new *Horizon* series tonight.

It has dug up the fact that women working a regular pattern of day and night shifts could have a higher incident rate of miscarriages.

Although men and women have evolved to live a 24 hour day, we are governed by biological clocks operating on a 25-hour cycle. These time pieces even affect unborn babies.

Researchers at Cambridge University have been studying the heart beats of foetuses, known to oscillate between 110 and 160 beats a minute. By analysing irregularities in this pattern, they can get an accurate picture of how well the unborn baby is progressing. They have even identified a rhythm which changes every 20 seconds, providing a warning that the baby's life could be at risk.

The foetus has a basic rest/activity cycle of about 90 minutes and most experts agree that it remains with us throughout our lives.

So, if you want to be fit for work and play, have a good breakfast, always excuse yourself for half an hour if you feel below par, don't overdo it at the weekend and stay in bed until the winter sun rises to avoid SAD (Seasonal Affective Disorders), a depression which some people suffer at this time of the year. It is good to know we have science on our side.

Andrew Wiseman

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Army packs a punch for Biddy

The Blue Peter Sightsavers Appeal docks today, with £1 million on board for charity

Biddy Baxter: 4,000 letters a week from programme's fans, and every one gets a reply

Africa, to my three-year-old daughter, means popcorn, fairy cakes and the *Blue Peter* "bring and buy sale".

I suspect she thinks Africa is a person. But she has seen the television pictures for the programme's 24th annual appeal, and she knows it's something to do with babies who can't see. And – thanks to the popcorn and fairy cakes – she is firmly convinced it is all a Good Thing.

For the army of *Blue Peter* fans, turning paperback books into lifeboats or odd socks into dormitories for Kenyan boys has long been part of the magic of Christmas. Today's programme will report that the 1986 Sightsavers Appeal has triumphantly exceeded its £100,000 target to provide mobile eye units for Africa, by raising £1 million with more money still coming in.

The money will provide five mobile eye units: two for Malawi, two for Tanzania and one for Nigeria; two medical motorcycles for The Gambia; spares and maintenance for seven years; and the cost of training the opthalmic assistants to operate them.

The appeal taps the childrens' own entrepreneurial talents. For the price of a stamp, they can get a bring and buy sale kit, with posters, stickers and detailed instructions. "People are usually kind and helpful", the leaflet informs its young readers, "but you need to explain what they are being asked to be kind and helpful for. It's to help you to Sight Save for Africa".

Biddy Baxter, the hand at the tiller of BBC-TV's flagship childrens' programme for nigh on 25 years, is well aware that younger viewers will have only the haziest notion of what it is all about.

"But anything that's not just grab, grab, grab, what's in it for me, must be good," says Miss Baxter, a tall businesslike figure with blond hair pinned into a bun.

"Children love making things, putting on shows, performing . . . it's a matter of channelling it." Pictures and letters from those she fondly calls her "customers" surround Biddy Baxter's desk at the heart of the bustling *Blue Peter* offices at Television Centre.

One Brownie from Milford on Sea gives a tea by tea bag account of how they made the Sightsavers Appeal their weekly Good Deed; a nine-year old from Lewes describes the eye doctors his family met out in Rwanda; someone else from Watford has had conjunctivitis, and sends sympathies to Malawi. Each of the 4,000-odd letters that come in weekly gets an individual reply, and details are carefully recorded.

The *Blue Peter* postbag is too vast for Baxter to tackle single-handed, but a team of out-workers – mostly ex-BBC employees at home with children of their own – ensures no one is disappointed. Badges are awarded for particularly interesting letters, a symbol of the programme's unashamedly old-fashioned competitive spirit.

"Children write about everything. They can be very critical and they're very direct – but they're not cranky.

"It's a far better audience research service than anything that could be mounted with a Gallup poll. We reckon about 70 per cent of our ideas come from the viewers."

Ever alert to the chance of feedback, Biddy Baxter's eyes light up when she discovers that I have two *Blue Peter*-watching children. "Are they badgewinners...?" "What do they think of Caron, the new presenter...?" Keener to focus on the programme – which she insists is a team effort – rather than herself. She is clearly happy to turn the interviewing tables.

Having no children of her own, Biddy Baxter relishes every opportunity for contact with her young viewers. She has also proved an extremely shrewd negotiator on their behalf. Everywhere the *Blue Peter* film cameras go, from the Butterfly House at Syon Park to Warwick Castle, is asked to give free entrance to badgewinners.

Inside the BBC, she persuaded a cost-conscious management to finance a filming trip to Malawi for the Sightsavers Appeal, and is confident of a return visit this month. The *Blue Peter* audience is, in fact, on a par with that of *Panorama* – but not many childrens programmes would carry the same clout.

Biddy Baxter came to television via radio, her first producing jobs being such tea-time epics as Johnny Morris the Hot Chestnut Man.

The original *Blue Peter*, with Christopher Trace and former Miss Great Britain, Leila Williams, started in 1958 as a once-weekly 15 minute affair. The pets, badges and *Blue Peter* logo – designed by Tony Hart – came later. "Originally it was dolls for the girls and trains for the boys," she recalls. "But at the time it was a great breakthrough; it was the first magazine programme for children."

"Sometimes adults have a very prissy, stodgy attitude to what children should watch," Baxter says. "If adults can come home and switch on the Two Ronnies and be entertained, why can't children? You've got to make it fun, but that doesn't mean you can't have serious moments."

Sally Dugan

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The present dispute may affect some BBC programmes.

Table for two, dinner for one

PENNY PERRICK

Thank goodness for artichokes. You can spin out the consumption of one for 20 minutes, feel as though you haven't touched a bite and not make anyone feel guilty that you have hardly eaten anything.

The discovery of the artichoke is very important to me at the moment because a few weeks ago I lost my appetite somewhere and it won't come back. This is a strange state of affairs since usually, depressed or ecstatic, in or out of love, I can always be found near the Mars Bar machine, loitering with intent.

I used to make token attempts at slimming by buying Lean Cuisine ready-meals but found them so delicious I would eat six at a time for supper. All is changed. Now, as a non-eater, I present a challenge to the determinedly convivial – those who press a whisky on the teetotaller, a pulsating blonde on the chaste, and a brimming plateful of food on me. I do not want this temporary aversion to lead me into the life of a recluse. I still want to make friends and influence people; I just don't want to raise a knife and fork with them.

This is hard to accomplish. The non-drinker can wave away the claret without causing offence, but the non-eater can hardly accept a dinner invitation and then refuse everything from the smoked fish platter to the caramelized oranges. What does one say? "Can I just come along and watch the rest of you eat?", doesn't sound socially acceptable.

I have an easier time of it in restaurants. I order the aforementioned artichoke followed by something small and on the bone which I then shred with my fork and leave on the side of the plate.

Cooking presents worse problems. In days when I knew the meaning of the word hunger, anyone coming into the kitchen when I was preparing lunch for six would ask me when the other 30 guests were arriving. Now as my appetite has shrunk, everything has increased in size. A small cut of monkfish looks like half a whale, a three-pound bag of potatoes enough to feed a multitude, which, of course, it doesn't. Any multitude thinking of dropping in on me for lunch had better book a table at McDonalds afterwards.

One of the tiresome things about being off one's food is that flesh falls away from one's body as if it had another appointment somewhere. You soon learn that being too thin has to be disguised in the same way as being too portly. Long sleeves were designed to hide arms with swaying folds of fat and arms that look like two strands of overcooked spaghetti. In plumper days, I used to yearn for a waist. Now I have got one but it doesn't provide much of a thrill since it's the same size as the rest of me.

And I do not care for the way my vertebrae march down my back like a row of light-switches or the fact that the business-end of my shoulder is so sharp it could be classified as a dangerous weapon. I rely on shoulder-pads almost as heavily as I rely on artichokes and could easily be mistaken for a very small, skinny American footballer.

I never thought the day would come when I could look at a bar of chocolate without feeling delicious stirrings all over my body, but it has. It's the same with chicken mayonnaise sandwiches, Peking duck, and fried bread. I just can't think what I ever saw in them.

Two years ago you wouldn't have believed that Tony Bagley could ever look after himself.

To see Tony now, walking unaided, chatting away, enjoying painting, would seem miraculous to anyone who knew him when he first came to the RHHI in 1984.

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Angus brigade

Bad news if you are looking forward to your first roast beef lunch since the season of turkey and goose. Not since the days of the Highland reivers, it seems, have Scotch beef eaters such cause to be so suspicious of the origin of their favourite cut. North of the border dark tales are circulating of fattened Irish store cattle being shipped over, given a cursory chomp of Highland grass, slaughtered and promptly labelled Scotch. Worse, Jim Sharp, chairman of the Scottish National Farmers Union livestock committee, tells me of wholesalers who import finished Irish carcasses, cut them and sell them as Scotch. The allegations are denied by the chairman of the Scotch Beef and Lamb Assurance Scheme, Alan Roxborough, who says both practices have fallen into abeyance in recent months. However, with the EEC's "green pound" currently working in Ireland's favour, he says he will watch the wholesalers with special vigilance.

Cornish hasty

Paul Tyler, David Steel's election adviser and former MP for Bodmin, is fast emerging as a front runner to succeed David Penhaligan in Truro. Although he is keeping quiet about his plans until after Penhaligan's memorial service at Truro Cathederal on Saturday, he said yesterday that he is ruling nothing out. Less slow in putting herself forward is Lesley Abdela, former chairman of the 300 Group, which is dedicated to getting women into Parliament. She tells me she had intended waiting until after the service but, following the decision by Penhaligan's widow not to run, she now intends contacting the selection committee early this week.

● Actor Ian Flintoff, David Owen's Labour opponent in Plymouth Devonport, has not merely trod the boards in *Pack of Lies* (PHS Dec.18). His last appearance, he tells me, was in the more appropriately titled *Brotherhood*.

Mundane

My man in the West Country swears that a matronly chairperson, announced — with no apparent irony — to a women's club in Exeter the other evening: "The report of our committee on Solving World Problems will have to be delayed because three of our members have not been able to get baby-sitters."

BARRY FANTONI

'And here's where we file all the really important Cabinet papers'

Burnt-out cases

It's a good job that Douglas Leitch of Strathclyde fire brigade was not about when *Bleak House* was being written. After a six-year study of fatal fires, he has concluded that logical explanations can account for almost every report of spontaneous human combustion — the explosive fate of Krook in Dickens's novel. He notes, for instance, that reports of blue fames leaping from victims' stomachs mostly relate to the deaths of vagrants. Looking to their diets for an explanation, he writes that deposits of greasy food and alcohol on their clothes would account both for a rapid blaze being caused by a cigarette spark and its bluish hue. His work has just been reprinted, gruesomely enough, in the winter edition of *Pharos International*, the cremators' official journal.

Festive spread

Prison authorities in the Irish Republic may be regretting an excess of seasonal goodwill. Thirty-four prisoners given compassionate leave over Christmas had failed to return by the weekend, among them eight carrying the Aids virus. "There's a general expectation that they *will* return," a Ministry of Justice spokesman tells me optimistically. No chance of a similar incident in Scrooge-like Britain: compassionate leave here is generally granted only to visit dying relatives and attend funerals.

Switching off

Wendy Savage, the nation's most renowned proponent of natural childbirth, is, I learn, a less unequivocal supporter of natural *death*. She has agreed to propose a motion at the Oxford Union provisionally titled "That euthanasia should be available on the National Health Service". The wording may yet prove too strong for Mrs Savage. She confesses: "I haven't really sorted out my thoughts yet. All I know is that I wouldn't want to go on living once my mind had gone."

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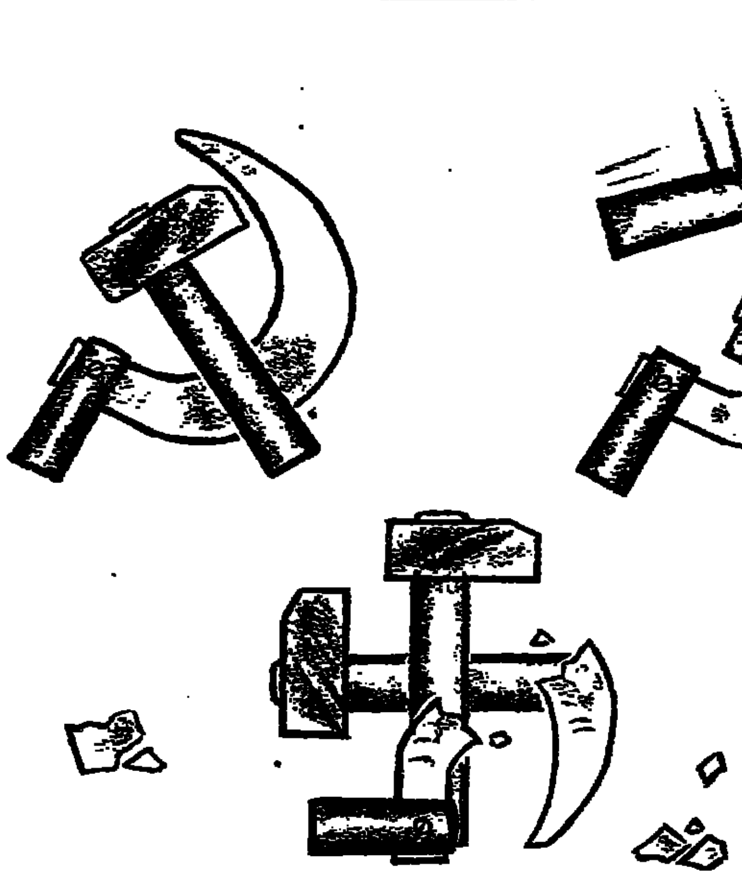
Bernard Levin: the way we live now



Paula Youens

The professor and a parable in parallels

Suppose you were reading the morning newspapers and there learned of the death of an elderly retired professor of literature. Glancing through the obituaries, you find him commended in the most laudatory terms: "When I heard of his death", for instance, "I was reminded of friends and admirers all over the world who would grieve as deeply as myself", or "His outlook and methods were essentially 'open' ", or he was a "lovable and genuinely modest man", or "his many colleagues . . .regarded him as a man of complete integrity and generous humanity".

The picture by now would be clear; a teacher of inspiring liberal qualities, rooted in a generous and tolerant set of beliefs, a lover of good, a man of an essentially humane temperament, detesting all systems which worked to control free thought or to bar the road to those seeking the truth.

Now suppose you read that he

> . . . had joined the British Nazi Party in 1936 while at Cambridge, and he remained a life-long member, serving for many years on its executive committee . . . He neither flaunted nor apologized for his unswerving political commitment . . .

Wait. A feeling of astonishment is now growing upon you, and you start to read the obituaries more closely. Doing so, you also come upon this, referring to his politics:

> His commitment was based on a deep ethical revulsion against greed and exploitation, and on staunch loyalty. It kept him in the party in 1944, much as events following the July 20th bomb-plot must have hurt him.

By now, surely, you must be thinking that there is a catch in it. So there is, as I shall explain. The dead academic was Professor Arnold Kettle. He certainly did *not* join the Nazi Party, let alone serve on its executive committee, much less exhibit staunch loyalty to it; nor, of course, did he condone the horrors of the July 20 plot even though hurt by them. He abhorred Nazism and all its works, and would have despised anyone who did not. Indeed, he fought it on the battlefield.

So what is he doing in this farrago? What am *I* doing in it? What I am doing is translating, word for word and event for event, from Commmunism to Nazism, from black tyranny to red tyranny, from black extermination to red, from greed and exploitation in the colour of night to the same in the colour of blood, from the executive committee of the British Nazis to that of the British Communists, from Nazi purges to Soviet purges, from the heroic, noble bomb plot against Nazism in 1944 to the heroic, noble Hungarian revolution against Communism in 1956, from inexcusable "unswerving political commitment" to inexcusable "unswerving political commitment". For Dr Kettle matched in his life, step for step, all the gradations of adherence to an infamous creed that I listed, the only difference being that the infamous creed of his choice was Communism, not Nazism.

Let us climb the right ladder, step by step. He joined the Communist Party in 1936, at the age of 20. You would have to be a very harsh judge to condemn him for that, despite the abundant evidence, even then, of the true nature of the thing that ruled in the Soviet Union. There followed the purges, the show trials, the full Stalinist terror; still, it did not take clairvoyance to see the war coming, and anti-Nazi zeal could understandably reply "Any port in a storm". (Though did he have no unease at the Nazi-Soviet pact?)

He joined the army in 1941. Remember that as soon as the Soviet Union was attacked, the British Communist Party ceased to proclaim that the war was only a capitalist conspiracy and that we had no business to be fighting Hitler, Stalin's friend; from then on the Soviet Union was our gallant ally (not only in the Communists' eyes), and many Communists fought bravely, and died, to defeat the Nazis. Again, Kettle can hardly be criticized for not learning the grevious error of his political commitment through his own war service.

But then the excuses run out. In a memorable phrase, Anthony Hartley said that anyone who remained a Communist after the seizure of Czechoslovakia in 1948 "had failed as a human being". But Kettle, in 1948, was just getting into his Communist stride.

After the subjugation of Czechoslovakia there were the show trials in the Soviet Union's newly-acquired empire; in each country in turn the leaders whom Stalin himself had appointed were culled, the most terrible and most patently fraudulent of these inquisitions being the Czech one in 1952. Each time, the Communist Party of Great Britain applauded. So it did in 1953, when the "Doctors' Plot" was devised, and the greatest purge even in the bloody history of Soviet Communism was averted only by Stalin's timely death.

That death was mourned by our — Professor Kettle's — Communist Party in terms which would have been excessive if applied to St Francis of Assisi; the world's greatest mass murderer was lauded as the purest and most benevolent democrat since Pericles. Still Professor Kettle exhibited his "staunch loyalty" to those who worshipped evil.

Then Hungary, and the extinction of that bright, brave flame (to say nothing of the extinction of a very large number of human beings). Kettle was — or at least was deemed by Mr Angus Calder in his obituary in *The Independent* to be - "hurt". Despite his pain, he managed to carry on as a member of the Communist Party, which of course praised the crushing of the revolution as a heroic action by the Red Army.

The Berlin Wall and the 1968 invasion of Czechoslovakia no doubt caused him to be hurt all over again; once more, he bore up courageously, and remained in the party. Through Brezhnev, Andropov, Chernenko and Gorbachov, through the rising tide of anti-semitism, through the torture of dissidents and their concentration camp sentences, through the crushing of Solidarity in Poland and the invasion of Afghanistan, the brave fellow nursed his pain and remained not only a loyal member of the Party but for years a loyal member of its executive committee.

Two weeks ago he died, and those colleagues, admirers and friends who were quoted in the obituaries recorded his "loyalty", his "deep, ethical revulsion against greed and exploitation", his "open outlook and methods", his "unswerving political commitment" which he "never flaunted nor apologised for".

And now I think it is time to ask the late Professor Kettle's admirers a few questions. For this article is really about them, not him.

How exactly is a Nazi's or a Communist's outlook "essentially 'open' "? How does a "deep ethical revulsion against greed and exploitation" lead to "unswerving political commitment" to a system which practices not only greed and exploitation but mass murder? To join a Communist or Nazi party at the age of 20 can be easily understood, even excused. But remember that Professor Kettle remained a member of his chosen cause to the day of his death at the age of 70, and served for many years on its chief policy-making body; is it not matter for censure as well as wonder that he never "apologised for his unswerving commitment" to abomination? How do those "friends and admirers all over the world" answer that?

Moreover, his commitment was based also on "staunch loyalty". Staunch loyalty to whom and what? How *dare* any man be "staunchly loyal" to a system notorious for treachery (whether demonstrated in Hitler's Night of the Long Knives or Stalin's massacre of his most loyal and devoted followers) and leaders loyal to nothing but butchery and persecution? And just what was the nature of the "hurt" that he "must" have suffered from the "events" in Hungary in 1956, and wherein did it differ from that of any "staunchly loyal" Nazi who was "hurt" by the "events" which followed July 20, 1944? In both cases, the principal hurt would have been to the victims who were tortured and killed, in the circumstances, what precisely did those colleagues of his mean when they called him "a man of complete integrity"? *Complete?*

No doubt I shall now be told (I never met Professor Kettle) that he truly was, in his personal nature and conduct towards his colleagues and students, "lovable and genuinely modest". I have no reason to suppose otherwise. But that does not excuse his shameful *political* nature and conduct, and if his admirers think it does, *let* them answer this question: would they apply the same test (and give the same answer), to a man who had "unswervingly" supported Nazism for half a century, whatever his private character? I shall answer the question: No, they would not. And those who "regarded him as a man of complete integrity and generous humanity"; would they still thus regard him, as a man, even if his politics were of the Hitlerite rather than of the Stalinist variety? Again, I shall answer for them: No.

A case, strictly theoretical, can be made for taking Communism seriously, for treating it, despite all its evils, as a serious system of thought, worthy of respect even if to be rejected. Its ideas, however perverted, *are* ideas, and in that sense it can be distinguished from Nazism, which was nothing but hooliganism enthroned. But Communism must also be known by its fruits; if it is argued that Stalinism was the corruption of Communism, not its essence, then Stalinism must be condemned for all its bloody cruelty, its exterminations, its brutal imperialism, its destruction of thought, freedom and art. While all that was happening, Professor Kettle remained a leading member, "staunchly loyal", of an organization that existed solely to serve it; let no one try to prove that the Communism he espoused was the harmlessly theoretical kind.

De mortuis, as Mencken remarked, *nil nisi bunkum*. But the comments and attitudes I have discussed here amount to something more than the natural and even admirable desire to speak well of the lately dead. It is more than affection blinding itself to the feet — feet, ankles, shins, calves, knees, thighs and hips — of clay. It is yet another entry in the bulging catalogue of the *trahison des clercs*. It is not that these clerks excuse Kettle's adherence to Communist evil because of his personal qualities; how could *any* personal qualities excuse it? The truth is that they cannot or will not see the evil itself.

Well, I can. I shall now be accused of a cowardly attack on a dead man, and of spitting in his grave. Allow me to, reply, in advance of the accusations. It would have taken no courage for Arnold Kettle, in free Britain, to tell the truth about Communism. By his lifelong refusal to do so he spat in the grave of Communism's millions of victims.

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Clifford Longley on the changes that have undermined faith in religious education

What future for the fourth R?

Sir Winston Churchill once dismissed the proposals in the 1944 Education Act for religious education in state schools as "Zoroastrianism" or the "County Council Creed". Nobody heeded his warning, of course, and it came to pass. Education authorities now routinely draft religious syllabuses "for a multi-cultural society", which means offering a bit of everything and encouraging children to feel "respect" for it.

But as everyone in the business really knows, RE in the state system is a disaster area, and nobody has much idea what to do about it, or even whose fault it is.

The law, which no party feels bold enough to want to change, lays down that the one compulsory subject in every school in the land should be religion, which the Butler Act called "religious instruction"; and that every school should hold compulsory worship. The term "instruction" reveals how far the climate has changed in 42 years, and points to the false expectations of the churches, educationalists and politicians who made the compromises on which that part of the Act was based.

They were designing a deal that would bring the churches' big investment in education into one overall system. And they assumed they were legislating for a society which took it for granted that Christian belief was part of the basic order, and that school was the natural place to pass it on.

It is a normal English instinct to make a virtue out of a system that was originally a compromise, has long since ceased to be relevant, and was based on an entirely false prediction of the way society was likely to move. And so the present arrangement for religious education has its staunch defenders and vested interests. Conscientious teachers do their best with it, often bearing supreme professional frustration; and local and central government tinker and adapt it year by year.

But it is an open secret that most pupils regard RE as the most boring subject of all, that teachers of it are on a professional hiding to nothing, and that it is failing even in the modest aim of teaching children to know and respect any sort of religion.

Religion in state schools is taught according to a local agreed syllabus, as it is known, which is drawn up and revised by a carefully balanced committee whose composition is laid down by the Act. Early on, the main criticism was that it presented a lowest-common-denominator Christianity that nobody actually believed, and which concentrated on the parts that caused no denominational friction. It tended to dwell excessively, in other words, on the better-known Bible stories and maps of the eastern Mediterranean. It was certainly taken for granted that the only religion of interest was Christianity.

A process of evolution over four decades, and changes in society, have now produced a very different agreed syllabus designed to "equip pupils for life in a multi-racial, multicultural society", to use a standard phrase. At the higher academic levels, for those few who are taking the subject in public examinations, pupils are still expected to have a good descriptive knowledge of Christianity, and probably reasonable familiarity with other major faiths. But the great majority of pupils do not take RE as an examination subject, and so most teachers do not feel the need to be too confined to the official course.

RE becomes, in such cases, an illustrated guide to other people's strange customs and beliefs, Christians not excluded; or a rudimentary course in ethics with the emphasis on pupils working things out for themselves. It is easy to mock; but it is not clear what else pupils are supposed to do with their 40 minutes a week. Nothing more detailed is possible.

Modern RE has been likened to teaching mathematics without ever asking pupils to do any calculations, or teaching art without paint and paper. The modern professional teacher's attitude is summed up by the universal horror at the concept of "indoctrination", which means teaching religion as if it were true rather than teaching it as something other people think is true. But this outsider-looking-in approach to religion is all a teacher can do, for that is all society — and the teaching profession — is prepared to sanction.

The more optimistic or naive religious educationalist may justify this as preparing children to make free choices of their own, and such sentiments often appear in modern agreed syllabuses. But it is a loaded choice.

Children know they are not allowed to make such choices of their own concerning the date of Waterloo, the wives of Henry VIII or the solution to algebraic equations. For only one answer is true. In religion, therefore, they are pointed towards the conclusion that all answers must be equally true — or equally false.

And this approach to the teaching of religion ignores the fact that other people's beliefs, set down and described in the cold light of the classroom day, are bound to sound altogether improbable if not ridiculous. That is not the route by which religious commitment arises. It can induce, instead, a condition of disinterested or condescending immunity.

There is no turning the clock back, and whatever politicians may say for public consumption, religion is never going to figure in the classroom timetable as the key subject the drafters of the 1944 Act said it was. But if the present state of RE is actually damaging to the cause of religion, the churches themselves have grounds for alarm. To get to that point, however, they will have to face honestly more than a generation of failure and false hopes, and abandon their excuse that RE was somehow doing their job for them.

There is undoubtedly a place for genuine classroom instruction "to equip pupils for life in a multi-cultural, multiracial society". But there is no good reason to call it religious education.

Michael Meadowcroft

Reshaping the moral mould

The simplistic labels "left" and "right" have never been a conspicuous aid to understanding any particular issue. Of late conservatives have come unstuck in their attempts to appropriate and even to define "morality". It was, for instance, a Labour MP, Clare Short, who tried to stop newspapers publishing pictures of naked women; it was moralistic Tories who mocked her.

The belated realization of the potentially cataclysmic effects of Aids has provoked as much concern about promiscuity on the left as on the right. It is surely unacceptable, therefore, to try to make political propaganda by linking permissiveness with past Labour government legislation.

Certainly there is a tendency for the new Labour left to attribute almost magical powers to the passing of legislation. Local authorities, with the best of intentions, set up committees and employ staff to help minority groups and then find their plans vitiated by a backlash. But an even greater danger here is the fallacy of the Labour left that people can be coerced into behaving altruistically.

Liberals understand that the means are crucially important to the achievement of the ends and that policies, if imposed wholly against general public assent, can set back a progressive cause. Compare and contrast two very different ethical issues, discrimination against cigarette smokers and against homosexuals.

I sense that public acceptance of the case against smoking is now overwhelming and that the momentum for anti-smoking measures is irresistible. I believe that it would now be possible to impose much more Draconian restrictions on smoking in all public places and to ban cigarette advertising in connection with sporting events.

This has come about through the development of a broadly based and influential consensus way beyond the direct political process. In contrast the case for combating discrimination against homosexual men and women has lost the momentum it had after the Peter Wildblood case and the influential film *Victim* more than 25 years ago.

Legislation has its place but it must go in harness with opinion forming rather than in place of it. Those with power, locally and nationally, need to beware of the easy option of imposing their political will rather than winning their case. Gains made by influencing public opinion can be entrenched in legislation; legislation enacted without reasonable consent is unlikely to become entrenched in public opinion.

Support for voluntary groups working in such sensitive areas needs to be seen in this light. For Liberals the test of legitimacy for grant aid must be not only the group's validity but also its commitment to earning support for its cause. There is a need for an awareness that pluralism in society depends on an acceptance that there is no divine right to support.

Too often there is instead an arrogant assertion of validity and the ritual excoriation of opposition. Prejudice and reaction may be silenced temporarily by *diktat* but they will not be overcome without argument and persuasion. On this basis Liberals in local government have rightly supported many appropriate lesbian and gay groups.

Such initiatives are consonant with the developing concern for stability and security in personal relationships. The attempt to equate liberty and diversity with licence and promiscuity ignores the variety of sensitive relationships that coexist in society. It also hurts the individuals committed to those relationships. The attack on liberalism by Roger Scruton and others on the grounds that it undermines "majority values" leads inexorably to the persecution of deviance from such values in the name of morality. The power of a majority to impose its will does not necessarily cause the minority to conform but rather condemns some at least to the Gulag or the asylum.

The essence of liberalism, as defined by the Liberal Party constitution, is "to create the positive conditions which will make a full and free life possible for all." Such an aim both excludes attempts to prescribe the nature of such life and also accepts that shallow or selfish relationships are less likely to be full and free than deep and mutual ones.

There is thus no conflict between liberalism and any perception of morality that embraces care and concern for those involved, particularly those most vulnerable. There *is* conflict with a morality that elevates hedonism and permits the individual to exploit in the name of personal satisfaction. Liberalism demands responsibility as the legitimate concomitant of freedom and the modern Liberal party has always had to balance the rights of individuals against the impact they may have on the health of the wider community.

There is no doubt that Aids is having a great impact on perceptions of morality. The danger is that the pressure will be for a return to an old morality that was never more than a hypocritical mixture of Victorian respectability, the exploitation of women, and the acceptance of a hidden deviant sub-culture.

Roger Scruton and similar modern puritans want to define an elitism which is not only acceptable to society but is also enforceable. They have no answer to the anxiety of a society that hankers after warmth and personal security but finds only a cold rule book.

All too often the agenda is decided for us, and the choice for Liberals is whether a project or a proposed grant is going to do more good than harm. The task therefore is to change the agenda. That will take more effort but it will have more long-term chance of success.

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moreover . . . Miles Kington

Sorry Eccles, you're stale

Just before Christmas my dentist leant over me and said: "This is going to be a particularly exciting Christmas for me."

"Grmmgroo?" I inquired.

"Well, they're broadcasting four *Goon Shows* which have never been heard before. Can you imagine — four completely new and mint *Goon Shows*?"

"Ardhargmgrgr," I agreed.

"I'd listen to them, if I were you," he advised.

I always take my dentist's advice, so over Christmas I ate on one side, brushed my teeth with a rotary motion and listened to as many *Goon Shows* as I could take. It wasn't a very happy experience. Having found last year that Tony Hancock was not as funny as I thought he was, I was now faced with the discovery that *The Goon Show* was not as funny as I thought it was either. There were some very good moments, some wonderful sound effects, and at least one fine line when somebody concludes an argument by saying: "I bow to your superior ignorance", which is how all political arguments end in real life, but I have to admit that *The Goon Show*, the humour on which I grew up, had not lasted as well as I hoped it would. Too many funny voices, too much laughing by Harry Secombe, too much childishness.

This means two things. One, it means that my next visit to the dentist is going to be fraught. He is going to lean over me and say: "Well, didn't you think the Goons were great at Christmas?"

"Mmbrogumbrum," I shall have to admit.

"Oh, you didn't did you? Well, I'm afraid this may hurt a little, Mr Kington."

The other thing is that I now have very little left in my store of recorded humour which really seems to stand up to the ravages of time, and that if I am wise I shouldn't listen to any of it again, for fear of having to strike it off the list. At the moment it contains Peter Ustinov's classic LP, *The Grand Prix of Gibraltar*, some old stuff by Shelley Berman, three 78s of songs by Arthur Askey and most of *Under Milk Wood*. I haven't listened to any of it recently, and now I daren't.

Still, at least *Some Like It Hot* bears repetition. I saw this when it first came out, and was so enamoured of it that I even bought the paperback version of the script and learnt it by heart. Unfortunately, it was almost ruined for me the other evening when some benighted TV channel decided to screen a tribute to Billy Wilder — one of those dreadful American dinners where people make laudatory speeches, the subject squirms and the camera spends most of the time showing you Gregory Peck and Charlton Heston in the audience. Someone called Jessica Lange got up and said that while studying mime in Paris she had been kept sane by a next-door cinema that kept showing *Some Like It Hot*. I got homesick for that good old American humour, she said, and had to come back.

Good old American humour? A few minutes later Billy Wilder got up and spoke in a very thick Middle European accent. This man is no more American than Martina Navratilova. There is, indeed, a growing suspicion that since the stream of European immigrès to Hollywood dried up, America has stopped making good film comedies, and I can't think of anything in the last ten years that would be worth printing in paperback, or coming back from a Parisian mime course for. *Trading Places* is constantly put forward as a good comedy of our times, but anyone who grew up in the days of *Some Like It Hot*, Jacques Tati, etc, must find *Trading Places* very thin and predictable. Apart from Woody Allen, America cannot be said to have any adult film humour left at all.

It was I.A.L. Diamond, Billy Wilder's colleague at the dinner, who put it best: "Well," he said, "we've been watching clips from a lot of old movies tonight. Hollywood has come a long way since then . . . but I don't want to depress you."

I don't want to depress you, either. So soon, perhaps, I shall tell you about the new board game my dentist has invented. He told me all about it, at length. Actually it's rather a good idea. It really is. As I told him, thafrimbrmmmsloosh.

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A NEEDLESS ELECTION

The announcement by President P.W. Botha of South Africa that his divided country would spend the first half of 1987 occupying itself with a general election raises an inevitable question. Will the election victory that Mr Botha doubtless takes for granted be used to re-start the reform programme, or to defy the world, or simply to mark time?

It is highly unlikely that the State-President sees the issue in such terms. His motives for calling an election at this time are fairly transparent. Ever since mid-1986 when international condemnation secured the imposition of sanctions, it was inevitable that Mr Botha would attempt to turn the external threat to his political advantage.

He has not forgotten how his immediate predecessor, B.J. Vorster, at a time when his domestic credit was eroded by the breaking Information scandal, nevertheless skilfully exploited the hostility of the Carter administration to run a "South Africa against the world" election in 1977. The result was that Vorster won the biggest mandate in the history of the National Party.

From his own parochial and limited point of view, President Botha's reasons for calling an election are hardly less persuasive. His government has for some months seemed quite bereft of ideas on resolving the central dilemma of South African politics – namely, how to share power with the black majority without losing it altogether.

It has accordingly faced a steady erosion of its power base. On the right, Dr Andries Treurnicht's Conservative Party and the still more extreme HNP have exploited both the government's limited race reforms and the country's persistent economic ill-health to improve their fortunes among Afrikaner blue collar and rural voters. On the left, progressive Afrikaner intellectuals and businessmen have not concealed their disillusion with the slow pace of reform.

With Vorster's example in mind, President Botha is gambling on the hope that international hostility will once again rally white South Africa behind his standard and help him reduce the haemmor-hage of National Party support. This election is thus the first fruit of the imposition of sanctions. No less cynically, he is exploiting the fear of the right-wing bogy to dull the edge of white dissidence and create the illusion of white unity behind his government.

But to what purpose? The dominant theme of his election campaign has already emerged: "strong leadership" against external pressure and internal disruption. At the same time, the attack from the right has already compelled him to abandon projected reforms, such as the abolition of the Group Areas Act which guarantees residential segregation, and to cling ever more vocally to the concept of group rights as the basis of any future constitution. There is no sign in all this that he has any intention of seeking a mandate for further reforms.

Thus for the next five months – the election is unlikely to be held before May – South Africa will be all but paralysed. At the end of the day, Mr Botha's government will be slightly bruised but not beaten; the already small voice of the liberal white opposition could be all but extinguished; the government will be faced by a strengthened right wing opposition; and both in and outside South Africa right-wing gains will be interpreted as a sign of growing intransigence.

The danger is, therefore, that from an unnecessary election fought on a negative platform, Mr Botha will derive a false mandate to swing still more decisively to the right and to pay even more attention than hitherto to the Afrikaner right. Such predictions cannot, of course, be made with certainty. It would not be without precedent for Mr Botha, having won a further extension of power, to interpret the result as a vindication of reforms and a justification for extending them.

But since there is a limit to the number of words that any politician can eat and survive, it is prudent – and depressing – to assume that Mr Botha means the negative things he will be saying between now and the election. At a time when imaginative and positive leadership is required, Mr Botha's election seems all too likely to postpone the future for five months before taking South Africa back into the past.

POST ANALYSIS

Few public corporations so inflame private passions as does the Post Office. People who endure power cuts, gas failures and water shortages with the fortitude usually associated with Dunkirk, are demoralised by the late delivery of their mail.

One might therefore expect that a plan for its privatization would arouse little ire among its critics (who are many) or sympathy among its friends (who are few.) Yet the long list of public industries selected by the Government for divestment has not so far included that jewel in the crown, the Royal Mail. If we bear this in mind, the report from the Centre for Policy Studies (CPS), which emerges officially today (after much jumping of the gun) looks worthy of considerable interest.

Its author, Mr Robert Albon, an Australian economist currently based at Birmingham University, proposes a timetable which would see Girobank (already established as a separate company) privatized next year, the counter services following suit in 1988, the parcels delivery service in 1989, and the letters division in the year after that. While Sir Ronald Dearing, the Post Office chairman, has carefully avoided committing himself either for or against the principle, he has already made clear his opposition to the proposals as they stand.

That is as may be. The Government would certainly be sailing into what Mr. Albon admits to be uncharted waters – and would be doing so alone, given that governmnents elsewhere keep postal services wholly or partly in their own hands. It would also have to fight strong opposition from the unions. Mr Albon, moreover, is at pains to praise the quality, range and efficiency of the Post Office's performance in recent years. Would it not then be wise to let well alone?

Mr Albon's reply is that these improvements have been obtained by government initiatives to reorganize the Post Office. Indeed, it is imperative for the Government to do more if it is not to forfeit ground already won. As Milton Friedman remarked of the United States postal services, a government momopoly cannot be expected to be anything but costly, inefficient and technically backward. There is even a case for threatening privatization or the ending of the state-controlled monopoly, whether one means to carry it out or not – if only to keep the Royal Mail on its toes.

There are certainly grounds for re-examining the structure of the Post Office and the ill-assorted basket of functions that it currently carries out. There are also clear arguments in favour of ending the state's monopoly on the letters delivery – which would happen in 1988 under Mr. Albon's plan. Admittedly, there are genuine difficulties over the provision of services for rural areas, which at present are subsidised by other areas of Post Office business. Any suggestion, for instance, that those in outlying areas of Britain should be asked to pay over the odds would arouse much greater controversy than earlier measures of privatisation.

Nonetheless, the principle of variable prices might be appropriate in some areas. Many customers would find it a boon to be able to buy stamps from other outlets, as the French can do at the local *tabac*. There are those who might well be prepared to pay an extra 10p for a book of first-class stamps from the newsagent's shop down the road, if only to save queuing behind the familiar assortment of people collecting pensions, buying road fund licences or paying money into Girobank, at the Post Office. Similarly people might be willing to pay a premium to have their letters collected on a Sunday once again...

It is indeed arguable that of all the various state-owned bodies, the Post Office's unwieldly bulk is in most need of slimming. The question is not so much whether as when – and how? In that case the CPS document *Privatizing the Post* is a timely instrument for focussing attention on the issues, before any firm decisions have been reached.

COLONEL BOGY

Colonel Gadaffi has long cast an aquisitive eye on Chad. But his dream of incorporating it into Libya as part of a Greater Islamic State of the Sahel has persistently eluded him. The attempt by government and rebel forces to expel Libyan troops from their homeland, has raised hopes that Gadaffi's imperial pretensions will finally be laid to rest. Unfortunately, the government in Ndjamena cannot be counted on to do it alone.

Libya's territorial aspirations in Chad are the product of a complex mixture of motivations. According to the goals outlined in Gadaffi's *Green Book*, Libya must provide an alternative ideology to capitalist materialism and communist atheism. The objective of this so called Third Universal Theory – much to the consternation of Libya's neighbours – is to unite the Muslim countries of the Sahel under Libyan tutelage.

Declining oil revenue may have curbed Gadaffi's chest beating somewhat, but it has also brought into focus Libya's precarious long-term economic position. Most Libyan oil wells will have run dry by the turn of the century. Libya is thus desperate for an alternative source of energy – hence its preoccupation with potentially energy-rich Chad.

Foreign adventures, which have included subversive activities in Morocco, Niger, Nigeria, Burkina Faso, Gambia, Somalia, Ghana, Senegal, Mali, Uganda and Sudan have also provided a useful diversion for Libya's simmering domestic discontent. They are thus increasingly important for the maintainence of Gadaffi's regime.

But Gadaffi's boldest move was his intervention in Chad in 1980-81. On that occasion, President Goukouni Oueddei, ousted by his Defence Minister Hissen Habre, appealed to Libya for help. Gadaffi immediately dispatched 5,000 Libyan troops equipped with Soviet-supplied tanks and rocket launchers.

Only the US took effective action. France, torn between trying to maintain its relationship with Libya and upholding its obligations to the rest of Francophone Africa, equivocated. Although the French were later forced to send troops to beat off a second Libyan-backed rebel assault in 1984, Libya was never completely expelled from Chad.

In October last year, rebel leader Goukoumi Oueddei was shot and wounded by his Libyan escort, after he announced his intention to sign a compromise with Hissen Habre. As a result, a large contingent of the rebels have since renounced their allegiance to Tripoli and joined forces with government troops. Ndjamena is now calling on the French to abandon their commitment to refrain from any action north of the 16th parallel, and to provide the necessary military assistance to get rid of the Libyans – once and for all.

Again, however, the French are wary of getting too deeply involved in what was known in French colonial days as *Chad inutile*. France's dilemma is that it cannot get out of Chad, and it cannot control the government when it is in. Their hesitation about providing Hissen Habre with such assistance is, therefore, understandable, especially since the government happens to be facing a domestic crisis.

But while Hissen Habre may not be the most reliable individual on which to place Chad's hopes for stability, he is the best man available. Without concerted support from France, Libya is sure to cling to its vision of an empire in north Africa, as its air assault south of the 16th parallel yesterday, clearly demonstrates.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Tory leadership after Macmillan

From Mr Humphry Berkeley

Sir, In your issue of December 31 both your first leading article and Mr Norman Gash, in a feature article, pay tribute to the qualities of Mr Harold Macmillan. There is no doubt that history will judge him to have been one of the greatest peacetime prime ministers of this century.

I find it surprising that neither your leading article nor Mr Gash should have referred to Mr Macmillan's determination to deny the premiership to Mr R. A. Butler when he retired in October, 1963. It is all the more surprising when Mr Gash refers to Mr Macmillan as "an influential contributor to R. A. Butler's Industrial Charter and a powerful defender of Butskellism in the 1950s".

At the time there were no precise rules governing the election of the leader of the Conservative Party. There is reason to think that, in some informal way, peers, prospective parliamentary candidates and voluntary workers in the constituencies were asked their views as to the succession.

I was, at that time, a Conservative member of Parliament and can state that had all MPs chosen the Conservative leader, by secret ballot, Mr R. A. Butler would have become Prime Minister with the overwhelming support of my colleagues. However, on the instructions of Mr Macmillan, which were carried out by Mr Martin Redmayne, the Government Chief Whip, a vital question was put to those who were verbally consulted, including myself, namely "If there is deadlock between Rab and Quintin would you accept Alec Home?"

I declined to answer such a hypothetical question. Many of my colleagues fell into the trap and, in this way, Mr Macmillan got the answer that he wanted and it was on this basis that he advised the Queen to send for Lord Home.

After the Conservative defeat in October, 1964, I saw Sir Alec Douglas-Home (as he had then become) and at his request submitted to him a memorandum entitled "Choosing a Leader". I suggested three basic principles of procedure. Members of Parliament, alone, should vote for openly competing candidates. They should do so by secret ballot and the result should be published.

Sir Alec accepted these principles and Mr Heath and the present Prime Minister were chosen by the use of this system.

Yours faithfully,
HUMPHRY BERKELEY,
Three Pages Yard,
Chiswick, W4.
December 31.

Reform of honours

From Mr N. A. I. French

Sir, Granted that the Empire has been more or less decently interred, I suggest that John Grigg's objections (December 27) to the survival of the Order of the British Empire with its present style could be met by a simple compromise.

Its full title is the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire. The minimal change to the Order of British Excellence would not only seem more fitting to the contemporary scene but carry with it the distinct advantage of not requiring an alteration of the post-nominal letters.

All existing members of the Order would retain their CBE, OBE, etc, styles and would be joined by future honorands with precisely the same letters. And surely British excellence is still very much alive!

Yours faithfully,
NEVILLE FRENCH,
Whitestop House,
South Perrott,
nr Beaminster, Dorset.

In sound memory

From Mr John H. Seamer

Sir, I see from an estate agent's board that the old Langham Hotel, until recently occupied by the BBC, is for sale. At the back of the hotel, in Cavendish Place, is a gate erected to the memory of the late Mr Middleton who did so much on radio to popularise gardening.

It is to be hoped that, whatever the future of the hotel, this gate will be preserved; also that the plaque describing it (which has recently disappeared) will be replaced.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN SEAMER,
Mill Leat,
Gomeldon,
Salisbury, Wiltshire.
December 30.

Precedents on rights

From Colonel Professor G. I. A. D. Draper

Sir, Mr Sieghart informs your readers (December 29) that

> we are [accustomed to written constitutions or Bills of Rights] and more than most others. Magna Carta in 1215 was the first recorded Bill of Rights in the history of West European civilization. Our next one, in 1689, actually pioneered the title of such instruments. Neither has yet been repealed.

This statement contains a number of major historical errors:

> The Great Charter was by no means unique in European history. Many kings and nobles about this time were granting charters to their tenants and subjects, and their general character was not dissimilar even in different countries. (Plucknett: *Concise History of the Common Law*).

Such charters were granted before 1215 in Spain, and in Hungary in 1222. Indeed, the very words of the famous clause 39 of our Great Charter that "no free-man ... is to be in any way destroyed ... unless by the lawful judgment of his equals or (?and) by the law of the land" are borrowed directly from the constitutions of German emperors.

Mr Sieghart would also have us believe that the Great Charter of 1215 was "the first recorded Bill of Rights". He would appear to have overlooked Professor Maitland's famous words describing the nature of the Great Charter:

> It is intensely practical; it is no declaration in mere general terms of the rights of Englishmen, still less of the right of men; it goes through the grievances of the time one by one and promises redress... The cry has not been that the law should be altered, but that it should be observed. (*The Constitutional History of England*).

Neither is it true, as stated by Mr Sieghart, that the Great Charter "has not yet been repealed". Of the original 60 clauses, a large part has been repealed over the ensuing centuries. Neither do we rely upon the 1215 issue of the Charter. That instrument enjoyed only nine weeks legal life, being annulled by papal brief of Innocent III as King John's then feudal overlord. The Magna Carta that is now a statute of the realm is the fourth confirmation issued in 1225, upon Henry III attaining his regal majority at the age of 18 years.

The words "justice delayed", cited by Mr Sieghart, are not the actual words of clause 40 of the Great Charter. These are: "to no one will we sell, deny, or defer right or justice" and are generally read as a corollary to the more important clause 39 cited above.

In the result, the words of clause 40 may not be so chimerical as Mr Sieghart appears to suggest. The relevant words had a pretty precise meaning to the judges of the time, as well as to the King and the barons.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
G. I. A. D. DRAPER,
16 Southover High Street,
Lewes, Sussex.

Making it right, from start to finish

From Mr Alan F. Fulwood

Sir, Mr Frank Glyn-Jones (December 30) advances reasons for his concern over the seeming inability of Britain's manufacturing industry to keep up with advancing technology. He also chides Government for its seeming lack of concern for this situation, especially where the deficiencies of industry impinge most directly on matters of Government concern.

Why, one must ask, do these deficiencies occur? One answer must lie in the system of higher education in this country. Our degree courses for engineers are the shortest in the Western world. We have a three-year study period, whilst Germany and France have five and the USA has four, plus a master's degree for most graduates.

This means that our courses contain little design and concentrate on the analytical aspects of engineering science, whilst other countries aim also to educate their engineering students in the principles and practice of design to a substantial level of competence.

Another powerful reason must be the growing concern of investors and the City with short-term returns on investment. This inhibits longer-term development work and subjugates the designers to the accountants. Thus as a nation we are often guilty of manufacturing goods that people in this country and in the international market place do not want.

The remedy lies not with Government but with industry. But Government could do much to stimulate the necessary debate on the problem and its solution. It could also coordinate some of the answers and perhaps use some of them to avoid some of the pitfalls of expensive abortive projects within the Government domain.

Yours faithfully,
ALAN FULWOOD,
22 Trelawny Way,
Bembridge,
Isle of Wight.
December 30.

From Mr Lewis Stretch

Sir, The development of advanced technologies requires massive *team* effort that commands and relies on the highest standards of *personal* commitment and performance throughout. Otherwise, as in the earliest Comets, the latest Challenger, a whole project can fail "for loss of one nail".

Such a combination of close, yet widely spread co-operation and intense individual endeavour can only be achieved if all involved subscribe to some common code.

Britain's Victorian industrial strength was so based. Our present failure – at all levels, from national management, through many intermediate functions to shop-floor quality – stems from discarding our integrating faith for violent oscillation (or a mean compromise) between sloppy dependence on "them" and selfish concentration on "me".

Trying to rebuild our industrial structure on unsound moral foundations is merely a variation of the Indian rope trick. So if our tale of expensive blunders is to be curbed, of too infrequent successes to be increased, then making sure that the social and moral stature of industry is – and is manifestly seen to be by society in general – firmly established must be the *starting* point.

Yours faithfully,
LEWIS STRETCH,
1 Manor Close,
Ashby-de-la-Zouch,
Leicestershire.
December 30.

From Mr Basil de Ferranti, MEP for Hampshire, Central (European Democrat (Conservative))

Sir, The letters from Mr Glyn-Jones and Mr Alistair Horne (December 30) quote Nimrod and TSR-2 as examples of Britain's failure to keep up with advanced technology. Perhaps quoting our successes may be a guide to what we can do about it.

Tornado has won all the prizes in recent bombing competitions in the United States, its cost effectiveness per aircraft is not at all bad and it is being exported.

To advance technology requires many decisions on engineering design, investment in production and test facilities and indeed on marketing capability. If the market for the product is seen to be on a European scale, with the world market beyond, then the ratio of the risks inherent in all these decisions to the rewards is much more favourable.

The British presidency of the European Community during the last six months achieved real progress with the internal market and indeed agricultural surpluses. We hope to elect Sir Henry Plumb to be the first British President of the European Parliament in January.

Let's stop yawning about Europe and resolve in the new year to look to European successes instead of British failures.

Yours sincerely,
BASIL de FERRANTI
(Chairman, Ferranti plc),
The Old Manor,
Ellisfield, Hampshire.
December 30.

From Mr Iain C. Baillie

Sir, As Industry Year (1986) ended I noted that the famous who died were listed in your columns (December 31) under "Arts", "Services", "Sport", "Scholarship", etc. None were classified as "Industry and Commerce". Is this group long-lived or just not famous?

Yours faithfully,
IAIN C. BAILLIE,
20 Chester Street, SW1.

Child abuse cases

From Professor Glanville Williams, QC

Sir, Mr. T. G. Stanton (December 22) denies the justice of allowing the liberty and livelihood of a social worker accused of child abuse to depend on a filmed interview with a young child "whom neither [the accused] nor anyone on his behalf would ever have any opportunity of questioning". How, Mr Stanton asks, can such questioning possibly cover all the relevant circumstances?

The answer is that the suspect, if not under arrest at the time of the interview, could (with his legal adviser) view the recording when he comes upon the scene, and could ask for a supplementary interview at which his questions could be put to the child as described before.

Even if the defendant's lawyer is allowed to cross-examine the child at the trial, the videotaped interview would retain value for the prosecution, and could be of great value to the defence. The earlier the child's evidence is taken, by an experienced and trained professional (such as a child psychologist), the less likely it is to be influenced by suggestions from other people. A good investigator can probe the child's evidence in a way that the police may not do, and in a way that the defending lawyer may not dare to do in court. So the procedure could be a decisive advantage for the innocent defendant.

Of course the defendant must be enabled to have his questions put to the child. As I originally suggested (feature, November 25) if the defendant was arrested at the time of the interview, he and his lawyer could witness the interview by the child examiner from behind a one-way mirror. They would be in telephonic communication with the child examiner and could address questions to the child through her. The questions and answers would form part of the recording which would be presented at the trial. The child could then be allowed to forget the affair, however long it might be before the case came to trial.

Yours faithfully,
GLANVILLE WILLIAMS,
Jesus College,
Cambridge.

Slav majority

From Dr Shirin Akiner

Sir, In the leading article (December 20) on the riots in Soviet Central Asia it was erroneously stated that the "Slavs have lost their overall majority in the Soviet population". This is true only of the Russians: the Slav group as a whole (Russians, Ukrainians, Byelorussians, Poles etc) constitutes 72.8 per cent of the Soviet population.

Those from traditionally Muslim cultures (ethnically Turkic or Iranian) represent only 17.4 per cent. The Uzbeks, the largest of the Muslim groups, constitute 4.8 per cent of the Soviet population.

These figures are taken from the 1979 census. There has been a slight fall in the percentage of Slavs and a rise in that of the Muslims in the intervening seven years, but the Slavs are still firmly in the majority.

Yours sincerely,
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December 22.

ON THIS DAY

JANUARY 5 1931

Marshal Joffre (1852-1931) drew respect even from his former enemies in the First World War, the Germans. On his death the Berlin newspapers spoke of him as a chivalrous opponent, one who did not speak of them as "les Boches" as did Clemenceau, and who was worthy to have been called, in the style of Napoleon's marshals, the Duc de la Marne, commemorating his most crucial battle.

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MARSHAL JOFFRE

A GREAT MILITARY LEADER

The death of Joseph Jacques Césaire Joffre, Marshal of France, which is announced on another page, removes one of the outstanding figures of the Great War, in whom the French people have to mourn one of their greatest military leaders. From the outset of hostilities in August, 1914, to his supersession in the command of the Northern and North Eastern Armies by General Nivelle in December, 1916, Joffre was the *point fixe* on which rested the unswerving confidence and devotion of his troops. It was his imperturbable *sang froid* and unruffled calm that did so much to maintain the moral of his armies during the first critical weeks of the War, and enabled them after their early defeats to check the German invasion on the Marne. To the *poilus*, whose psychology he probably understood better than any of the other French leaders, Joffre was always the *grandpère*, and his personal popularity with them remained unshaken throughout the whole period of his active command.

Of the place which will ultimately be assigned to him in the roll of the world's great military leaders it is still too early to form an opinion. He has been attacked for his original plan of campaign; his claim to be regarded as the victor of the first battle of the Marne has often been disputed: his policy of the "wearing-out battle" has been severely criticized. But whatever may be the final verdict of history as to his strategic genius, no serious student of war will deny that to him more than to any other man was due the splendid recovery of the Allied Forces after their initial reverses, while it is difficult, in view of the knowledge which has been made available from German sources of the effects of the first battle of the Somme on the strength and moral of the German Army, to believe that Joffre's conception of the "wearing-out battle" was altogether a wrong one. Had he remained in power and the plan of campaign for 1917, as agreed upon by him and the British Commander-in-Chief, been carried out, there are competent military authorities who still are of the opinion that the War might well have been brought to an earlier conclusion.

... Whether Joffre or Galliéni was actually responsible for bringing the Allied retreat to an end is still a matter of dispute. The latter in his memoirs states that he had considerable difficulty in convincing the former that there was no necessity for him to go behind the Seine, and M. Poincaré, who is able to speak with authority, has confirmed this statement. But whoever was originally responsible for the idea, the decision to stand and give battle undoubtedly rested with Joffre as Commander-in-Chief, and to him, therefore, must be given the special distinction of having directed and fought the Battle of the Marne, one of the great decisive battles of the world.

... In 1918 Joffre, who was distinguished as a mathematician, was elected to the French Academy; he was made hon. G.C.B. in 1914 and received the Order of Merit in 1919. He also received the rare honour of a statue in his lifetime, and he was present when it was unveiled last June at Chantilly, in front of the hotel which served as his general headquarters in 1914.

CHARACTERISTICS

Throughout his career Joffre preserved an equable temperament and an unruffled serenity. Neither success nor failure disturbed his equanimity. Countless stories are told of him to show that even in the worst crises of the War he allowed nothing to interrupt the ordinary routine of his life. Before the War he was the most determined supporter in France of the policy of attack, but when that policy failed at the beginning of hostilities, and it was clear to him that the German invasion was coming from an unexpected quarter, he kept his head and adapted his dispositions to meet the new situation. He became the outward and visible sign of the national resistance. His stout, thick-set figure came to be regarded almost with veneration by his troops, who were ready to carry out whatever he might demand of them. They recognized in him a leader who had only one single purpose in view – to drive the enemy from the soil of France – and they trusted him with absolute confidence ...

False scent

From the Reverend Canon Christopher L. V. Atkinson

Sir, My wife teaches ESL (English as a second language). She has been teaching some local ladies from the Yemen for two years.

This Christmas one of them kindly sent her a present – a bottle of after-shave. Does this say something about my wife, her ability at teaching, or the particular lady's misunderstanding of English culture?

Yours.
CHRISTOPHER ATKINSON,
The Rectory,
Halesowen, West Midlands.

COURT CIRCULAR

SANDRINGHAM
January 4: Divine Service was held in Sandringham Church this morning. The Viscount Tonypandy preached the Sermon.

The King of Spain celebrates his birthday today.

The Grand Duke of Luxembourg celebrates his birthday today.

The Duchess of Kent will attend a conference arranged by Help the Hospices at the Royal College of Physicians, 11 St Andrew's Place, NW1, on January 27.

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr Alastair Guthrie will take place at St Mary's Church, Bryanston Square, London, W1, on Thursday, January 8, 1987, at 11 am.

A memorial service for Mr Sandy McLachlan will be held at noon on Tuesday, January 13, at St Bride's Church, Fleet Street, EC4.

Birthdays today

Mr Alfred Brendel, 56; Miss Stella Gibbons, 85; Lieutenant-Colonel H.C. Hanbury, 71; Sir Frank Hartley, 76; Sir Alan Hume, 74; Miss Jan Leeming, 45; Mr Robin Leigh-Pemberton, 60; His Honour Sir Rudolph Lyons, QC, 75; Mr D.S. Oxley, 49; Mr Maurizio Pollini, 45; Major-General H. Quinlan, 81; Mr Wilhelm Soukop, 80.

Clifford Longley

Parliament and the people as pope

It would be an exaggeration to call the Bishop of London's recent excursions into American religious affairs a major crisis for the Church of England, but it has undoubtedly caused some head-scratching in the parishes.

He has, it seems, extended his jurisdiction at a stroke into areas which have been closed to the English church since the American Revolution, thereby provoking an argument about authority in the Anglican Communion which has had some unexpected results.

The Bishop of Birmingham, Dr Hugh Montefiore - no papalist, to be sure - has provocatively proposed something not far short of an Anglican papacy, so that bishops of London and any others that refuse to toe official lines can be rapped over the knuckles with something more formidable than a quiet reproach over a cup of tea at Lambeth Palace.

This suggestion belongs in the same category as other similar ideas of a gentle readjustment of Anglicanism towards a more "papal" type of church structure, such as that which the general synod seemed to favour in its recent debate on the reports of the Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission.

The general tone of such comment is that Anglicanism needs stronger and firmer leadership, without going "over the top" and submitting itself to the immediate universal jurisdiction of Cardinal Ratzinger (prefect of the Vatican's Sacred Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith).

It is a cardinal principle of Anglican self-understanding that the member churches of the Anglican Communion, including therefore the Church of England, are self-governing. To have lots of self-governing churches in communion with each other raises problems when there are serious doctrinal or procedural differences, the argument goes, so the system needs some overall authority.

This analysis presupposes that in the Church of England's case disestablishment has been achieved already in all but name, and the role *of the state is limited to the sort of* oversight that the Crown gives to the conduct of the British Government.

Just as the Queen, as "constitutional monarch", is theoretically responsible for everything and in practice for nothing, so the English state lends the Church of England the gloss of constitutionality and the aura of establishment, without interferring in practice.

That this is not far from the case is shown by the fact that seven years of Mrs Margaret Thatcher have produced nothing like a Thatcherite bench of bishops, as was direly predicted in the church at the outset. But such points and counter-points belong entirely in the realm of the pragmatic: the danger comes when experience is translated into theory to produce a false description of the real forces which prop up, and hold together, the national church.

They have much more to do with establishment as a constitutional theory, and they cannot really be explained without reference to origins. The two key points in the history of the Church of England are the English Reformation of Henry VIII (and re-Reformation of Elizabeth I); and the Glorious Revolution of William and Mary, as consolidated by Queen Anne.

It is too easily assumed that the sixteenth century break with Rome turned the Church of England into a Protestant church, a non or anti-papal variety of Christianity; when in fact it retained its character as a papal church to an extent far too little appreciated, with the king taking on the functions of the pope.

The various legislative instruments of the Reformation, for instance, were all about this transfer, not about its abolition, and it was symbolised by Henry's re-award to himself of the title Defender of the Faith once the Pope had cancelled it. He became, in effect, the Church of England's pope, the idea of which is therefore not original to the present Bishop of Birmingham.

The seventeenth century religious revolution at the end of the reign of James II is also sometimes misrepresented as a repeat of the break with Rome of the sixteenth, whereas what James really tried to do was to act out the papal role of the king he had inherited from Henry VIII, not to contradict it. But it was in a direction contrary to the wishes of Parliament, and Parliament took the precaution of transferring to itself this papal power, establishing that from now onwards, even in matters ecclesiastical, the Crown was subject to Parliamentary consent.

But the Church of England was still in principle a "papal" church; with the pope no longer the Bishop of Rome, nor even the King of England, but the Commons and Lords assembled at Westminster.

From then to now, that has remained the case, though Parliament has lately begun to regard itself as a mainly "constitutional" papacy in church affairs, not given to intervening on the whole. What is very significant about this Anglican "papacy" is that it is almost entirely a lay affair, with the clergy banned form the Commons and the bishops allowed only a toe-hold in the Lords.

It is not at all surprising, therefore, that there is a Church of England layman's gut-reaction to official talk of reviving the relationship with the ancient papacy, the Roman one. It comes from lay people who see ultimate authority in the church being taken from their hands (by virtue of Parliament) back into the hands of ecclesiastical authority.

And it is further complicated by the fact that Parliament is not only lay, but is now elected on a universal franchise; it is the official and representative voice of the whole nation. The people of England have, by gradual and not always intentional historical evolution and revolution, become the Church of England's "pope".

It is they who hold the keys, they who enjoy immediate universal jurisdiction, and they, in principle, who are infallible (for it is they who, ultimately, may declare and define the truth that the Church of England has to believe). Any switch back into a more personal and prelatial papacy in place of the democratic and parliamentary one will only happen with their consent. It looks an unlikely prospect.

OBITUARY

SIR ANGUS MacKINTOSH

Trusted envoy in changing times

Sir Angus MacKintosh, KCVO, CMG, diplomat, died on December 26 at the age of 71. He belonged to that generation of public servants who contributed substantially to the great transitional process which turned Empire into Commonwealth.

Angus MacKay MacKintosh was born on July 23, 1915. He was educated at Fettes College, Edinburgh, and University College, Oxford.

From 1938 to 1941 he was on the staff of the institute for research in agricultural economics at Oxford, spending a further year at Nuffield College.

During the war he served as adjutant in the 2nd Battalion, The Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders, in Italy and Greece, and was mentioned in despatches.

He entered the Colonial Office in 1946 where he became PPS to two Secretaries of State for the Colonies, Mr James Griffiths and Mr Oliver Lyttelton (later Lord Chandos), who described him in his memoirs as "my trusted friend".

Lyttelton delighted in MacKintosh's Scottish humour and quiet erudition, and they remained friends for life.

He accompanied Lyttelton on his momentous visit to Malaya in the crisis of 1951, and was later put in charge of the Far Eastern department of the Colonial Office, during the crucial period of the fight against communist insurgency in Malaya.

His influence in the area was extended when, from 1956 to 1960, he was in Singapore as deputy commissioner-general for the United Kingdom in South East Asia, and continued when he returned in 1963 as High Commissioner in Brunei. In the *interim* he had been seconded to the Cabinet Office.

In 1964 his experience and talents were transferred to the Ministry of Defence, where he became an assistant under-secretary of state, before going to the Imperial Defence College as senior civilian instructor in 1966.

He returned to the FCO in 1968 before taking up his last appointment as High Commissioner to Sri Lanka and Ambassador to the Republic of Maldives the following year. These posts he held until his retirement in 1973.

MacKintosh was a Scot of Scots. His heart was in the Highlands, and he was content to divide his retirement between Edinburgh and his cottage in Inverness-shire, where he and his wife, Marigold (whom he married in 1947), made all visitors welcome as they had throughout their happy married life.

She survives him, together with their son and two daughters (another daughter having predeceased him).

DR WILLIAM RINGLER

Dr William Ringler, authority on Tudor poetry, died on New Year's Day. He was 74.

William Andrew Ringler was born on May 17, 1912, at Montclair, New Jersey. He was educated at Princeton University where, after receiving his doctorate in 1937 he remained - first, as an instructor, and then as an assistant professor - until 1950. During 1947-8 he was a Fulbright Scholar, spending the year at the British Library and the Bodleian Library, Oxford.

It was at Princeton that he first developed his flair for Tudor poetry and its textual editing and bibliography, earning his doctorate under Robert K. Root, the editor of Chaucer.

During the Second World War he served as a major in the USAAF.

In 1950 he was appointed professor of English at Washington University, St Louis, moving, twelve years later, to Chicago University, where he remained until his retirement in 1979.

His first book, published in 1942 and based on his doctoral thesis, was a biographical and critical study of the Elizabethan writer Stephen Gosson, rector of Great Wigborough, Essex, from 1591 to 1600.

It showed a promising talent for historical scholarship; but he established his reputation as a major scholar with the publication, in 1962, of his edition of the poems of Sir Philip Sidney. This established the canon and text of Sidney's poetry, and serves still as a model of editorial methodology.

In that year Ringler began work on a complete index of Tudor English verse. He hoped to identify every scrap of Tudor verse still extant, and he spent many years examining manuscripts and printed books throughout the world.

The first fruits of his research were contributed to the *New Cambridge Bibliography of English Literature*, and he had corrected the proofs of *A Bibliography and Index of English Verse, printed 1476-1558* before he died. This was to be followed by a further index based wholly upon manuscript material.

To his students Ringler was a generous and demanding mentor, often astonishing them by reciting from memory lengthy critical bibliographies of minor Tudor writers.

He was a modest and self-effacing man with great critical acumen, who saw his work not as literary criticism but as scholarship that would make criticism possible. His forthcoming index, he joked, would be "the ultimate work of scholarship - all index with no text at all".

He married, in 1946, Evelyn Dressner. She survives him with their son and two daughters.

PROFESSOR PETER FRASER

Professor Peter Fraser, historian, died suddenly on New Year's Day. He was 58.

Peter Malcolm Fraser was born at Inverness on April 23, 1928. His mother was Roman Catholic, his father Wee Free, but he later developed his own private form of Christianity, without strict formulation.

His father died during his early childhood and he then moved to England, where he was educated at the Drapers' School, Purley, and in the sixth form at Dulwich College, from which he won an open scholarship to Magdalene College, Cambridge.

This he took up after two years' National Service in the Army. He obtained a double first and was awarded the Prince Consort's Essay Prize for a study of *The Intelligence of the Secretaries of State, 1660-1688*, which he later published as his first book.

After teaching for a short time at Bristol University, he went to the London School of Economics. There he took a doctorate, the subject of his thesis being "The Conduct of Public Business in the House of Commons, 1812-1827".

From 1957 to 1971 he taught at Manchester University, where he rose to be senior lecturer in modern history. In 1972 he was appointed a professor of history at Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia, where he has since spent the greater part of each year, returning for the summer to his house in Dorset.

Fraser became an authority on early twentieth century Imperial history, and this side of his work is reflected in his studies of Joseph Chamberlain (1966) and Lord Esher (1973). The second is still the best account of Esher's work in the field of Imperial defence, though Mr James Lees-Milne has recently complemented it with revelations about his private life.

He was elected a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society in 1970. At the time of his death he was pursuing work on the subject of his doctoral thesis - the pre-Reform Bill House of Commons - while also writing a major study of British politics during the Great War, which was well advanced.

Fraser seemed more of a countryman than one born in a town and occupied in academe. Though not a farmer or sportsman, he was very knowledgeable about the country.

He took infinite trouble with pupils, and this may help to explain why the stock of his published work is not larger. He was always excellent company.

His first marriage ended in divorce, but his second wife, Glenda, whom he married in 1971, survives him with their daughter and two sons, and with two daughters from his first marriage.

MR CHARLES REID

Mr Charles Reid, music critic, died on New Year's Day. He was 86.

Under his first names, Charles Stuart, he wrote for *The Observer*, and then, as Charles Reid, variously for the *News Chronicle*, *Evening Standard* and *Daily Mail*.

From 1954 he contributed humorous articles as well as music criticism to *Punch*, and in the 1960s served as music critic to *The Spectator*.

His enthusiasm for contemporary music found expression in an analytical study of Britten's *Peter Grimes* (1948), and in 1961 he published an "independent" biography of Sir Thomas Beecham, who had encouraged him in his early years. Biographies of Sir Malcolm Sargent (1968) and Sir John Barbirolli (1971) followed.

In 1979 he brought out a long narrative poem, *The Haul to Hell*, and in 1984 *The Music Monster*, a biography of J. W. Davison, music critic of *The Times* from 1846 to 1878.

SIR RICHARD WOOLLEY

The Very Rev. Gilbert Thurlow writes:

It is worth noting that Sir Richard Woolley (obituary, December 27) practised the ancient English art of change ringing with the University Guild whilst at Cambridge, and attained sufficient skill to ring in long peals of 5,000 or more changes on handbells.

Forthcoming marriages

The Earl of Dundonald
and Miss M.B.L. Russo
The engagement is announced between the Earl of Dundonald, of Lochnell Castle, Ledaig, Argyll, and Beatrice, daughter of Mr and Mrs Adolphus Russo, of Cumberland Road, Gibraltar.

Mr C.M. Cooper
and Miss A.J. Worthington
The engagement is announced between Charles, son of Mr and Mrs M.G. Cooper, of Desford, Leicestershire, and Amanda, daughter of Mr and Mrs P.L. Worthington, of Thorpe Langton, Leicestershire.

Mr C.E. Corlett
and Miss A.S. Robinson
The engagement is announced between Colin Ernest, son of Mr and Mrs Dennis Corlett, of The Green Cottage, Haughton, near Tarporley, and Ann Sophia, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Anthony Robinson, of Little Court, Blagdon, near Bristol.

Mr C.H. Dodds
and Miss S.M.L. Barker
The engagement is announced between Charles, son of the late Mr G.H. Dodds and Mrs E. Dodds, of Low Fell, Tyne and Wear, and Sally, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs J.D. Barker, of Redlands, Sherfield-on-Loddon, Hampshire.

Mr A.D. Elsden
and Miss C.J. Done
The engagement is announced between Andrew Donald, only son of Captain and Mrs D.J. Elsden, of The Limes, Tiverton Heath, Cheshire, and Caroline Jane, only daughter of Mr and Mrs R.O. Done, of Hampton Grange, Malpas, Cheshire.

Mr M.B. Geering
and Miss S.L. Paget-Brown
The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Mr and Mrs Philip Geering, of Bath, and Louise, daughter of Mr and Mrs James Paget-Brown, of Ryton, Shropshire.

M T.M.E. Gilbert
and Miss J.J.D. Thomson
The engagement is announced between Tanneguy, younger son of M and Mme G. Gilbert, of Hardencourt, Cocherel, Normandy, France, and Jennifer, daughter of Lieutenant-Commander and Mrs J.A.B. Thomson, of Antioch House, Stalbridge, Dorset.

Mr N.M. Jarrett
and Miss C.S.R. Buxton
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs Michael Jarrett, and Caroline, daughter of Mr and Mrs J.C.R. Buxton, both of Wellow, Hampshire.

Mr N.A. MacKinnon
and Miss P.C. Kreyer
The engagement is announced between Neil Alasdair, only son of Mr and Mrs Kenneth MacKinnon, of Blaven, Oban, Argyll, and Philippa Catherine, younger daughter of the late Captain Collis Kreyer, The Green Howards, and Mrs Patricia Seekings, of Ely, Cambridgeshire.

Mr L. Marks
and Mrs B.L. Kahn
The engagement is announced between Laurence, youngest son of the late Mr and Mrs B. Marks, of London, and Brigitte Luise Kahn (née Kirchhiem), only daughter of Friedrich and Elisabeth Kirchhiem, of Puerto de la Cruz, Tenerife.

Mr C.L. Merriman
and Miss A.P. Hindley
The engagement is announced between Charles, younger son of Mr and Mrs A.G. Merriman, of Chagrin Falls, Cleveland, Ohio, United States, and Amorelle, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs A.D. Hindley, of Clitheroe, Lancashire.

Mr P. St Lawrence
and Miss P.C. Marshall
The engagement is announced between Peter, second son of Mr and Mrs John St Lawrence, of Farnham Royal, Buckinghamshire, and Penelope Claire, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Jeremy Marshall, of Mere, Cheshire.

Mr R.W. Satow
and Miss A. Hayes
The engagement is announced between Robert, second son of Mr and Mrs N.C.F. Satow, of Rimpton, Somerset, and Alison, elder daughter of Dr and Mrs A. Hayes, of Fernhurst, Haslemere, Surrey.

Mr M.J. Stewart
and Miss S.L. Tindall
The engagement is announced between Malcolm James, youngest son of Mr and Mrs C.J. Stewart, of Styal, Cheshire, and Sally Louise, daughter of Professor and Mrs V.R. Tindall, of Hale, Cheshire.

Mr A.B. Tobey
and Miss S.J. Tindall
The engagement is announced between Andrew, younger son of Captain and Mrs B.M. Tobey, of Stoke Gabriel, Devon, and Sarah, younger daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel D.M.K. Tindall, of Mayfield, East Sussex, and Mrs E.B. Smiley, of Ballynahinch, Co Down.

Marriages

Mr N.D.P. Gillett
and Miss H. Brooks
The marriage took place on Saturday at St Michael's, Butcombe, of Mr Nicholas Gillett, elder son of Sir Robin and Lady Gillett, of London, SW7, and Miss Haylie Brooks, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Dennis Brooks, of Swansea. The Rev D.R. Hooper officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Victoria Jones. Mr Stephen Bean was best man.

A reception was held at The Oak House, Axbridge, Somerset, and the honeymoon will be spent in Kenya and The Seychelles.

Captain W.R. Rollo
and Miss A.E. Guinness
The marriage took place on Saturday in Sherborne Abbey of Captain William Rollo, son of Mr Andrew Rollo and the late Mrs Rollo, of Cold Blow, Oare, Marlborough, Wiltshire, and Miss Annabel Guinness, daughter of Sir Howard and Lady Guinness, of The Manor House, Glanvilles Wootton, Sherborne, Dorset. Canon Paul Goddard and the Rev David Hopley officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Charles Caroe, Richard Guinness, Oliver Hutley, Laura Caroe, Suzie Floyd, Katherine Guinness, Olivia Holcroft and Sophie Wood. Captain Rupert Lendrum was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Mr A.S. Lawson
and Miss M.A. Clayton
The marriage took place in Sale, Cheshire, on January 3, between Mr Andrew Lawson and Miss Margaret Clayton.

Move to restore fenland windmill

A total of £47,000 is needed to restore a nineteenth century cornmill at Upwell, near Downham Market, Norfolk.

The owners, Mr Matthew Brown (pictured) and his wife, Allison, have applied to Fenland District Council for planning permission to repair the grade II listed building.

The sail-less mill, which straddles the border of Norfolk and Cambridgeshire, has been part of an hotel and public house for the past 10 years. The owners want to put a new cap and 20 ft sails on the mill to replace the ones removed 40 years ago.

The five-storey building was erected in 1829 by a Mr John Southwell. Its life as a working mill came to an end in 1940.

Financial help is being sought from the Norfolk Windmills Trust, the East Anglian Tourst Board and local councils.

(Photograph: Andrew Bourne)

Royal Ascot

The list for applications for the Royal Ascot Enclosure opened on January 1. Those wishing to apply for Royal Enclosure vouchers should apply personally, in writing, to Her Majesty's Representative, The Ascot Office, *St James's Palace, London*, SW1A 1BP, at any time before April 30, stating the full names of those members of their families who require vouchers and their ages if between 16 and 25 years.

New applicants must apply before March 31 and will be sent forms which should be completed and signed by a sponsor who has been granted admission to the Royal Enclosure for at least eight previous years. No forms will be considered if they are returned late or incomplete.

In the event of the list of new applicants being over-subscribed, it may be necessary to hold a ballot for Gold Cup Day on June 18. If that should occur, new applicants will be informed of the result in May.

In the enclosure ladies will wear formal day dress with a hat, which must cover the crown of the head, and gentlemen will wear morning dress with top hat, or service dress.

Girls' Public Day School Trust

Spring Term for the 24 schools of the Girls' Public Day School Trust will begin this week. Mrs Penelope Penney will be taking up her appointment as Headmistress of Putney on the retirement of Mrs Nancy Silver. Two schools will be celebrating their centenaries during the term. Princess Alice Duchess of Gloucester, patron of the trust, will attend the service of thanksgiving in Westminster Abbey on Friday, February 13, for Streatham *Hill* and Clapham High School. A service of thanksgivng for Sydenham High School will be held in St Paul's Cathedral on Friday, March 6.

Wilson's School

Lent Term at Wilson's School begins today and ends on April 10. Half-term is from February 23 to 28. Lieutenant-Colonel W.R. Bowden has been re-elected chairman of the governors and Major-General H.A.J. Sturge vice-chairman. J.S. Pay remains school captain. The captain of swimming is S. O'Brien. The Old Wilsonians' Association will hold their annual dinner on February 20 at the school.

St Paul's Girls' School League

All old girls of St Paul's Girls' School are welcome at an evening party to be held at the school on Saturday, January 17. Requests for tickets should be made to the league secretary at the school.

Latest wills

Air Marshal Sir Lawrence Fleming Pendred, of Leamington Spa, Warwickshire, who served in RAF Intelligence and flying training, left estate valued £126,401 net.

Professor Hugh Cameron McLaren, of Edgbaston, Birmingham, emeritus professor of obstetrics and gynaecology at Birmingham University, and a leader *in cancer research, left* estate valued at £121,550 net.

University news

London
Institute of Education
Latest grants include:

Dr L Thomas: £30,000 a year for a maximum of 10 years from the Bank Information Service, £30,000 a year for three years from BP, £30,000 a year for three years from the Department of Trade and Industry and £10,000 a year for three years from Unilever to research teacher training for economic awareness.

Professor K Wedell and Dr J Welton: £24,000 to a maximum of £184,527 from the Department of Education and Science to continue a study of development in special education policy and practice after the 1981 Education Act.

Professor C Hoyles: £73,070 from the Economic and Social Research Council for an INSET programme developing computer based microworlds for mathematics.

Heriot-Watt
Grants totalling more £2 million have been awarded to research projects in the first quarter of the academic year. Major grants include:

Ministry of Defence: £131,437 to *Professor C M Brown and Dr B Austin* (department of brewing and biological sciences) for an investigation into a rapid detection and identification system for human pathogens: £95,047 to Dr I Grant (offshore engineering) to study the development of optical systems for measuring the dynamic distortions of plates and rods.

Commission of the European Communities: £136,000 to Dr W Steedman and Dr W Kemp (chemistry) for investigations into co-refining of coal and petroleum: £173,530 to Dr W Taylor (pharmacy) to study the development of spacial light modulators and display.

Science and Engineering Research Council (Alvey): £110,736 to Dr A M Walla (computer science) for an investigation into model based industrial vision: SERC (Marine Technology): £90,000 to Dr R M Dunbar to study deep ocean autonomous remotely operated vehicles: SERC (ACME directorate) and IBM (UK): £613,000 to Professor G T Russell, Mr N D *Duffy*, Dr J T Herd, Mr J B C Davies and Mr W Finlay (IBM) for an investigation into a flexible manufacturing assembly, based upon multi-robot, multi-sensor island of automation.

Society awards

The Society for Research into Higher Education, based at Surrey University, has announced the first awards of its new fellowships and associateships:

Fellowships: Dr David Boud, University of New South Wales; Dr Michael Brock, Warden of Nuffield College, Oxford; and Professor Alan Smithers, Manchester University.
Associateship: Dr David Billing, Pro-Rector of the Polytechnic of Central London.

Church news

Scottish Episcopal Church
Appointments

The Rev J A Steggall to be post-retiral Priest-in-Charge of St Ebba's, Eyemouth, Berwickshire (Edinburgh).
The Rev S J Chisholm to be deacon at St John's, Eastriggs (Glasgow and Galloway).
The Rev Eileen S K Hawkins, Holy Trinity, Kilmarnock (Glasgow and Galloway), appointed to the parish of Heanor (Derby).

Church in Wales
The Rev R Bayley, Vicar of Ynysddu, *to be Vicar of Griffithstown, diocese of* Monmouth.

Science report

When the pain goes as the placebo glows

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

A remarkable demonstration of the power of mind over matter was provided in the trial of a device designed to give pain relief in patients who had a particular type of operation. The test was conducted among 40 men who had surgery for a hernia repair.

The object of the investigation was to measure the value of a treatment called transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulation (TENS), which was intended to reduce the amount of pain killing medication and thereby avoid the dangers among individuals who reacted badly to drug therapy.

Electrical stimulation depends on the delivery of tiny electric shocks by miniature electrodes inserted into the skin along either side of the wound after surgery. The idea is to use the device and drugs together, but in a way that reduces the medication.

A pocket size device, which weighs 3.5 oz including its battery, generates a steady stream of electrical pulses that can be varied by the patient wearing the machine.

The trial was conducted by Mr J.M. Gilbert and his colleagues at the Westminster Hospital, London and St James's Hospital, Leeds. They designed a new type of TENS machine that included a glowing light.

But the patients were separated into two groups, with one wearing instruments that were inactive. However, the inactive instruments displayed the same glowing light as the active one.

In a report on the experiment, the team said the results showed the presence of the glowing light must have exerted a powerful placebo effect even when there was no electrical stimulation of the nerves fibres.

Measurements of how the two groups responded to their treatment were made by a method of assessment of pain by each person, specially devised for the trial, and the amount of back-up pain killer available to everyone that was used.

A report of the study in the *British Journal of Surgery* emphasised that pain was a subjective phenomenon, and there were difficulties in constructing a reliable way of people keeping their own "pain scores".

But the doctors believe their scheme succeeded, and the results of comparing patient scores and the amount of medication each one used showed their was no difference between the two treatment groups.

Source: British Journal of Surgery, vol 73, no 9, pp 749-751.

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS

O Lord be gracious unto us; we have waited for thee: be thou our salvation also in the time of trouble.
Isaiah 33 : 2

BIRTHS

ANDERSON - On December 24th 1986, to Jacqueline (née Spence) and Andrew, a son, Kristin Dominic, a brother for Ashley Morgan.

BROWNE - On December 27th, to Susan (née White) and Jim, a son, James Jonathan.

CERRI - On December 29th in Italy, to Sabrina (née Ashford-Russell) and Antonio, a son, William Luca.

COBB - On January 1st, to Rachel (née Hudson) and Andrew, a son, William Alistair.

de COSTA - On December 31st 1986, to Loraine (née Crocker) and Michael, a son, Daniel Coleman.

FITZGERALD FRAZER - On December 29th, to Dee (née Mercer) and Jonathan, a son, Thomas Henry.

GARRETT - On December 30th 1986, at St Thomas' Hospital, to Alison (née Gosse) and Bruce, a son, Edward Noel Sherwood, a brother for Thomas and Robert.

GUYOT d'ASNIÈRES de SALINS - On December 16th 1986, at Queen Mary's, Roehampton, to Ghislaine (née de Buyer) and Gilles-Guy, a daughter, Tiphaine.

HEWLETT - On December 30th, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Jane and Tom, twin boys, Harry and Charles, brothers for Emily and Georgina.

HOLMAN-BAIRD - On December 31st 1986 to Saragh (née Wood) and Richard, a daughter, Louise Saragh.

HYDE-SMITH on New Years Day at Winchester Hospital to Susie (née Gatehouse) and Charles a daughter Grace, a sister for Luke and Oliver.

MacINTYRE - On December 25th to Virginia (née Longman) and Stuart, a daughter Olivia Alice.

MATHEWSON - On December 29th in Winchester, to Jennifer (née Bloch) and Iain, a daughter, Anna Alice, a sister for Joseph.

POWNALL - On December 31st 1986, to Catherine and Orlando, a daughter.

RIGBY - On December 23rd 1986, at St Mary's Hospital, Manchester, Chris (née Riley) and Terence, a son, Toby Charles, a most welcome brother to Timothy James.

ROTHNIE on December 30th, 1986, at University College Hospital, to Rosalind (née Carr) and Neil, a son, Alexander.

SCOTT — On January 1st to Caroline and Charles, a daughter.

SEDGWICK - On December 30th 1986, to Catherine (née Saunders) and Peter, a son, Richard James.

SELLERS - On December 19th, in Boston Ma. to Frances (née Stead) and Mortimer, a daughter Cora Mary Stead.

THOMPSON - On December 26th to Rebecca and Edward, a daughter.

WILKINS - On January 2nd to Maggie (née Perkins) and Julian, Kitty Louisa, a sister for Matthew.

MARRIAGES

MacN CAMERON:ZEKI-HILSON The marriage took place on December 31st 1986 in Sussex between Mr Euan Cameron and Miss Alexandra Zeki-Hilson

DEATHS

BROMIGE - On December 26th, 1986, peacefully, at Esher, Ilene Marie (Putty), aged 61, beloved wife and mother. Funeral service on Friday, January 9th 1987, 2.45 pm, at Temple Lodge, Queen Caroline St, Hammersmith, London W6. Flowers to Temple Lodge please.

BURGESS On January 2nd 1987, peacefully at her home, Uplands, Walton-On-Hill, Margaret Elaine Burgess (née Grant) in her 71st year. Beloved wife of Humphrey, mother of Angie and Robin, granny of Graeme, Colin, Hannah, Grant, Anne-Marie, and Sylvie. Funeral service and burial at St Peter's church Walton-On-Hill, Tadworth, Surrey on Thursday January 8th at 2.30 pm. Flowers and enquiries to Ashton Ebbutt Funeral Services 89, High St, Croydon. Tel 01 688 5555.

BYRDE - On December 31st 1986, Mary Therèsé (née Palmer) at her home in Arundel, greatly loved wife of John and mother of John, Mary and Nicholas. Cremation at Worthing Crematorium on Wednesday January 7th at 3.30 pm. No flowers please but donations may be sent for the Asthma Research Council; c/o H D Tribe Ltd, 130 Broadwater Road, Worthing. Tel:(0903)34516.

CHAVASSE - On January 2nd, 1987, peacefully in Brockenhurst, Mabel, widow of Charles and much loved and respected mother of Ann and Susan. Funeral private.

CHETWOOD - On December 30th 1986, peacefully at the Phyllis Tuckwell Memorial Hospice, Farnham, John Anthony, loving husband, father and grandfather. Funeral at St John The Baptist Church, St John's Hill Road, Woking on Wednesday January 7th at 2.30 pm, followed by private interment. Family flowers only, but donations if wished to Phyllis Tuckwell Memorial Hospice, Waverley Lane, Farnham.

COOKE - On the 27th December 1986, at his home, Harry "Cookie" aged 80 years. Beloved husband of Grace and dear father and friend of Brian, Jennifer and Jacquline and grandfather of Mark, Jason, Kerry and Lucy. Funeral service at Thanet Crematorium, Kent on Friday 9th January at 11.30 am. Family flowers only, donations to the British Heart Foundation c/o H. Hudson and Sons 16-18 Station Road, Birchington, Kent. CT7 9DQ.

CROFTON - On December 29th 1986, after a short illness, whilst on holiday in Morocco, Adrian Blaise. Funeral yet to be arranged.

CUMBERBATCH on 30th December, 1986, at home, Melita, much loved by her friends and family. Funeral service at St.Mathew's Church, St Petersburgh Place, Bayswater on Thursday, 8th January at 12.30pm. Donations if desired to the Children's Society, Margery Street, London WC1X OJL.

DORE - On December 31st 1986, peacefully at home, Major Frank Russell Dore M.C., T.D., aged 97 years, beloved husband of Kate. Funeral private. No flowers. Donations if desired to Northaw Parish Church Restoration Fund, c/o The Treasurer, 4 Vicarage Close, Northaw, Herts EN6 4NY. Memorial Service at Northaw Church on Friday January 9th at 3pm.

EDMONDS - On January 1st 1987, peacefully, Dorothy of Kendal Lodge, Church End, Coton, Cambridge. Beloved wife of Frank and mother to Janet, Betty and Gillian. Funeral service Cambridge Crematorium on Monday January 12th at 2pm. Enquiries to: Harry Williams and Sons. Tel: 0223-359-490.

ELBORNE - On December 29th 1986 at home after a short illness Sydney Lipscomb of the Inner Temple Barrister-at-Law aged 96. Beloved father of Robert and Margaret, grandfather and great grandfather. The funeral has taken place.

ELWICK - On December 25th, suddenly on Christmas day, Evelyn, aged 84 years of Knapton Lane, wife of the late Henry Elwick J.P. and dearly loved mother of John. The Funeral Service took place at St Stephens Church, York, on January 2nd.

FORSYTH - On December 27th, Charles Sterne (Bill), of Warsash, Hampshire. The private cremation will be followed by a Memorial Service at St Mary's Church, Church Road, Warsash on Thursday January 8th at 11.45 am. Flowers may be sent to A. H. Freemantle, Funeral Directors, Titchfield, Hampshire.

FRASER - On December 31st, peacefully, surrounded by his family, (Alistair) Ian, aged 83 years. He leaves a wife, Anna, and three children, Halinka, Richard and Alexander. Funeral to be held at St. Marylebone Crematorium, East End Road, Finchley N2, at 10.30 am on Tuesday, January 6th.

FUGGLE - On January 1st, at the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, to Susan and Roland, a daughter, Imogen Suzanne, a sister for Nicholas.

FAZAKERLEY - On December 23rd, suddenly in Switzerland with her family, dorothy Valerie, widow of Thomas, dearly loved mother of Christine and grandmother of Charles and William. Memorial Service to be held later.

GAFFNEY - On December 26th 1986 suddenly in Spain, Brian beloved husband of Kitty. Funeral service at Holy Trinity Church, Prince Consort Road, South Kensington SW7 on Wednesday 7th January at 11 am and afterwards at West London Crematorium, Harrow Road. Flowers to Edmund & Lewis, 186 King Street, Hammersmith, London W6 before 5pm Tuesday.

HALL - On January 1st 1987, Thomas Anthony Inglis. No flowers by request. Donations in lieu to St Peter's Hospice, Knowle, Bristol. Funeral Service at Canford Crematorium, Bristol on Wednesday, 7th January at 2.20 pm. Funeral arrangements with E Edwards, Clifton, Bristol. Tel: (0272) 738208 or 812952.

HICKLING - On December 31st suddenly, aged 78 years, Grace, of 66 The Grove, Gosforth, Newcastle Upon Tyne. Widow of Professor H.G.A. Hickling and daughter of the late Adam and Grace Anne Watt. Service at Newcastle Crematorium on Wednesday January 7th at 11 30 am. No flowers please.

HIGSON - On January 2nd 1987, Harold, peacefully at home. Dear and much loved husband, father and grandfather. Funeral at St. Giles Church, Shrewsbury, on Friday January 9th at 3.30pm. Followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations if wished to the British Heart Foundation. Enquiries please to the Funeral Directors WRR Pugh & Son. Tel Shrewsbury 0743 4646

HUTTON - On January 1st, in Wimbledon, aged nearly ninety, Kathleen (usually Dee or Jim), widow of Bill. Greatly loved by Mike and Pegs, grandchildren and great-grandchildren and her many friends. Private cremation, followed by Service of Thanksgiving at St Mary's Church, Wimbledon at 12 noon on Thursday 8th January. No flowers please; donations, if wished, to Cancer Research.

LAMBERT - On December 29th, 1986, peacefully in hospital, William, dearly loved and loving husband of Mollie, late Manager of Barclay's Bank, 95 Victoria Street, London SW1. Funeral to take place at Breakspear Crematorium, Ruislip, on Friday, January 9th 1987 at 1.30 pm. Flowers to Chapel of Rest, 1 Avenue Road, Brentford, Middlesex.

LEAF - On December 28th 1986, peacefully at Madge House, Ashbourne, Violet Frances widow of Major J.G. Leaf, 15th/19th The Kings Royal Hussars. Funeral service at St. Martin's Church, Osmaston, Derbyshire at 2pm on Thursday 8th January. No flowers please but donations may be sent to the NSPCC.

LESTER - On January 2nd, at the Retreat, York, after a long and sad illness, Lilian Mary, late of Scarborough, the widow of Dr H M O Lester O.B.E. Funeral private.

LOGAN - On January 2nd 1987, peacefully in Stirling Royal Infirmary, John Logan, T.D., D.L., beloved father of Anne and Crawford. Funeral private, no flowers please. Donations if desired to Strathcarron Hospice: Denny, Stirlingshire, FK6 5HJ. Thanksgiving service to be announced later.

McCOSH - On January 1st 1987, peacefully at home in her 99th year, Agnes Dunlop Knox, beloved wife of the late Robert McCosh of Hardington. Funeral private. Donations if wished to Edinburgh Crippled Aids Society.

McLARDY-SMITH - On January 3rd, at the John Radcliffe Hospital, to Lindsay (née Eades), and Peter, a son, James David.

MILES - On December 31st, 1986 peacefully, at Holy Port Lodge in his 97th year, Admiral Sir Geoffrey KCB, KCSI, much loved husband of Alison and father of Peter and Archie and beloved grandfather and great-grandfather. Private service at East Hampstead Park crematorium on Thursday, January 8th, 1987 at 11.30 am. Family flowers only please. Memorial service at St James's Church, Rowledge at a date to be announced.

OVERTON-SMITH - On December 31st 1986, suddenly at home, Ida, much loved aunt of John and Heather Fulton, and sister of the late Madge Fulton. Cremation at Golders Green Crematorium on Friday January 9th, at 2.10 pm. Flowers to Leverton & Sons, 181 Haverstock Hill, NW3, by 12 noon.

PAKENHAM - On December 30, suddenly at West Suffolk Hospital, Patricia, widow of Michael Seely Sandford, formerly of Shrimpling, Suffolk. Funeral service at the Parish Church, Cavendish, Suffolk on Thursday 8th January at 11 am. Followed by private cremation. No flowers by request, any enquiries to Martin and Sons, Clare, please.

PARNELL - On December 30th 1986, peacefully in hospital, Richard, aged 58. Much loved husband of Denise and father of Mark and Karen, will be sadly missed. No flowers please but donations and enquiries c/o J A Massey & Sons, 16-18 Lowlands Road, Harrow. Tel: 01-422 1688. Funeral Service at Hendon Crematorium on Wednesday, January 7th at 11 am.

REID - On 1 January, suddenly in his 87th year at 23 Compayne Gardens, London NW6, Charles Reid, well loved husband of Louise and father of Stuart. Funeral private.

SINKER - On December 31st peacefully, Eva Margaret (Peggy), widow of Bishop George Sinker. Funeral at St John's Church, Bromsgrove on January 10th at 1 pm. Donations to Church Missionary Society. All enquiries to James Giles & Sons, 24 Stourbridge Road, Bromsgrove Tel 0527 72318.

TUDOR - On December 30th, 1986, in the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital, Owen Edward Fitz Tudor of Perry Tenement Forton Heath, husband of Elizabeth (Betty) late Timmis and Tudor flow-r mills. Funeral service at the church of St Peter and St Paul Fitz near Shrewsbury, on Friday January 9th at 2.30pm. Family flowers only please. Donations if wished to the Church of St Peter and St Paul. Enquiries please to the Funeral Directors WRR Pugh & Son. Tel Shrewsbury 0743 4646

WATSON - On 2nd January 1987, after a brief illness, quietly in Montreux, Wilfrid, O.B.E., beloved husband of Eileen. Cremation, Vevey, Switzerland, 2pm Wednesday 7th January.

WERTENBAKER - On December 30th, peacefully at Leesburg Hospital, Virginia, USA. George.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

A THANKSGIVING Service for the life of Betty Doreen Selsham will be held at St George's Church, Hanover Square, London, W1, on Wednesday 21st January 1987 at 11.30 am.

LINDSELL - James Cuthbert. St Ippolyts Church, St Ippolyts, Hitchin, Herts, on Monday 12th January, 1987, at 12 noon.

MORTELMAN - Derek. A Memorial Mass in thanksgiving for the life of Derek Mortelman, will be held on Wednesday, 21st January, 1987, at 11.30 am in St Etheldreda's Church, Ely Place, London WC1. Following the Mass, a buffet will be served in the crypt, thoughtfully provided for by Derek.

IN MEMORIAM - PRIVATE

BURROW - A Memorial Service for the late Professor Thomas Burrow, F.B.A., Professorial Fellow of Balliol College and Boden Professor of Sanskrit 1944-76, and Emeritus Fellow of the College 1976-86, will be held in the Chapel, Balliol College, Oxford on Saturday 17 January 1987 at 2.30 pm.

FULFORD - Arthur. November 22nd 1986. Always remembered in our hearts. Cedric, Elizabeth, Zara.

WHITFIELD - Constance Anne, sister of the late Sir Robert Barlow, a wonderful friend, much loved and very much missed. Jill, Iain, and June.

PERSONAL COLUMNS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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MacGregor Kent Limited
(In Receivership)
Trading As Kent Foods
24 Ainslie Road
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Glasgow

We, Raymond Ellis Bain, Chartered Accountant, and Bryan Alan Jackson, Chartered Accountant, of 40 Wellington Street, Glasgow, G2 6RL, hereby give notice that we were appointed Joint Receivers of MacGregor Kent Limited in terms of Section 467 of the Companies Act 1985, on 18 December 1986.

In terms of Section 476 of the said Act, preferential creditors are required to lodge their formal claims with us, within six months of this date.

Raymond Ellis Bain, CA
Bryan Alan Jackson, CA
Joint Receivers
Pannell Kerr Forster, Chartered Accountants, 40 Wellington Street, Glasgow, G2 6RL
23 December 1986

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Dated this 19 day of December 1986
A D KENNINGHAM
LIQUIDATOR

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NO. 006983 OF 1984
CHANCERY DIVISION
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Dated this 23rd day of December 1986
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Storm wrecks island capital

Rarotonga, Cook Islands (AP) – An estimated 1,000 people were left homeless and million of dollars worth of buildings and crops destroyed by a hurricane that hit the Cook Islands at the weekend.

The Cook Islands Prime Minister, Sir Tom Davis, yesterday called Hurricane Sally "the worst in living memory". He said those left homeless represented one-tenth of the main island's population and estimated that damage to the waterfront in the capital from huge tidal waves was more than £17 million.

Hurricane Sally roared across the South Pacific island nation, 1,900 miles north-east of Auckland, New Zealand, early on Saturday with winds of 90 to 150 mph and waves of up to 30 feet.

The storm wrecked the main street in Rarotonga, devastated buildings and flattened banana and coconut crops and resorts. But despite widespread destruction, Sir Tom said there were no reports of casualties in the islands.

Most of the homeless were evacuated before the storm. Sir Tom said most of these were from low-income areas which were "particularly hard hit."

Officials estimated the economy had been set back years by the storm damage.The US and France have offered emergency aid.

Bulldozers had begun work by yesterday afternoon, pushing rubble into the sea, according to the Australian Associated Press.

Officials said about 80 per cent of the city of Rarotonga was severely damaged with some structures reduced to rubble. *Residents of other* villages on the main island of Rarotonga gave reports of huge boulders being hurled more than 50 yards onshore by waves which destroyed houses and toppled trees.

The authorities ordered residents to boil water to guard against disease until sewage and drain systems could be repaired.

Emergency food was being distributed around the capital and officials said resources were stretched to the limit.

The airport on Rarotonga reopened late yesterday but with navigational equipment knocked out, only daylight flights were being permitted.

US storms, page 8

Royal Family is deluged with bouquets

Happy to be photographed despite the rain, the royal party reach for their umbrellas as they leave Sandringham Church after yesterday's service

By David Sapsted

The Queen and 10 other members of the Royal Family were deluged with flowers from more than 80 children yesterday as they stood in pouring rain outside the Sandringham parish church after the morning service.

The Princess of Wales and the Duchess of York – making her debut at the traditional new year get-together at Sandringham – received most of the bouquets.

The Duke of Edinburgh, in an apparent apparent gesture of goodwill to photographers fronting the crowd of more than 5,000, jocularly ordered: "Umbrellas down". The Queen promptly obliged, but the others did not.

The gesture came amid reports of fresh hostilities between the Royal Family and Fleet Street after the Queen had branded as "despicable" a posse of photographers besieging Sandringham.

After two years when the Royal Family – following informal requests for privacy to newspapers – had been left in relative peace during the holiday, photographers have again turned out in force.

According to one reportthe Queen had told photographers "I think you're despicable", after they had tried to photograph her, the Princess of Wales, Prince Edward and Princess Anne while they were out riding last week.

Prince Edward was also reported to have told photographers to leave "and never come back" while, in a separate incident, the Duke of Edinburgh allegedly asked one: "Why the hell don't you go home?"

In January 1984, the Queen asked Fleet Street editors to withdraw staff reporters and photographers.

Reagan's budget warning

Continued from page 1

spending for what he called other important commitments: the elderly, law and drug enforcement, Aids research, health care, and air traffic safety.

He has insisted that he will veto any tax increase proposed by Congress. Mr Jim Wright, the incoming Democratic House Speaker, has suggested a delay in tax cuts *for upper-income brackets* as one way of cutting deficits.

Before entering hospital, Mr Reagan signed his $1,020 billion budget. He had a routine colonscopy operation yesterday, a check-up following his operation for colon cancer in 1985. He is expected to stay in Bethesda Naval Hospital for three or four days.

Few details will be released of his prostate operation, which will be performed by his family doctors and specialists from the Mayo Clinic, instead of by naval surgeons. Mrs Nancy Reagan was deeply upset by the release of medical details after his colon operation, and believes that family doctors will be more discreet.

The President made light of his operation at the weekend, saying it was "a kind of a breeze". He said: "I've been there before, so don't waste any sympathy. I don't feel ill at all." Senator George Mitchell of Maine, speaking for the Democrats, wished him a speedy recovery; he also promised to co-operate on reducing budget deficits.

Senator Mitchell said that the Democrats would conduct a "prompt, full and fair inquiry" into the Iran-Contra arms affair. The investigation, which begins with two congressional committees this month, "need not and will not paralyse government or permanently damage the presidency".

Conflicts between Congress and the White House on how to clear up the affair are likely to continue, however. The Senate intelligence committee has rejected Mr Reagan's proposal for limited immunity for Vice-Admiral John Poindexter and Lieutenant-Colonel Oliver North.

It has also looked askance at his request that it send him a report on the preliminary findings, so that he can release much of it to the public.

Record budget, page 21

Letter from Durban

Beach apartheid in slow retreat

When President Botha talks about the "total onslaught", he means communists. When Durbanites use the phrase, they're talking about tourists.

At the end of each year, South Africa's east coast resort flinches as the Christmas and the New Year approach. In mid-summer heat, more than 100,000 people can arrive here on public holidays. In common with the rest of the world there are hooligans tanked up on rum and Coca-Cola looking for trouble.

This New Year's Day damage to municipal property was estimated at only just over £3,000. "We got off very lightly this year", the director of parks and beaches said. He left out the man who died, the nine injured (mostly stab wounds) and the incidents at which the police fired birdshot and tear gas.

But, unlike beaches elsewhere, the sand and the sea here are part of the landscape of apartheid. "Petty" or social apartheid is officially dead, but the corpse is still twitching. Durban's 30 miles of shore are a microcosm of the problems of dismantling lesser apartheid and only doing it by gradual degrees.

The city is relaxed and teeming with holidaymakers. There has been relatively little trouble in the outlying black townships, compared with the unrest in Johannesburg or Cape Town. But Natal has seen more than its share of bombs planted by the military wing of the African National Congress, partly because it is so close to the border with Mozambique.

Durbanites divide into what the law sees as four separate races: Africans (mainly Zulus), whites (mainly English-speakers), a very prominent Indian community and Coloureds.

This mixture is enriched at holiday time by an influx of white Afrikaners from the less-liberal Transvaal. They are particularly fond of gathering on the southern beach of Amanzimtoti, where a particularly horrible bomb went off a year ago, killing five Christmas shoppers.

The present arrangements for separating the races are a bizarre hotchpotch of segregation, desegregation and a blind eye to boundaries of any kind. During the 1970s, the city fathers abolished a range of restrictions.

The mayor of the time, Sybil Hotz, recalls some of the worst rows being over the change in use of public libraries: she received letters warning her that there would be outbreaks of syphilis and diphtheria.

Some beaches were opened up but there are still 10 for designated groups, each of which has at least one to itself. A look at any "boundary" will show that in practice races divide only very roughly and that the authorities cannot hope to enforce the letter of the law.

Trouble now tends to come from the far right. Scuffles began in Durban on the Christmas weekend, when supporters of an Afrikaner racist organization planted a flag in the sand. In Port Elizabeth this weekend the Rev Allan Hendrickse, South Africa's only Coloured Cabinet minister, led a symbolic protest swim under the angry gaze of another party, whose members patrol the beach with binoculars, looking for lawbreakers.

Mr Hendrickse, leader of the tiny Labour Party, which has accepted a place in the new and widely-boycotted constitution, led 150 supporters into the water in the town where the party was holding its annual conference.

"This is God's beach," said Mr Hendrickse as he made for the water, campaigning to open up beaches which are still segregated. Police did not interfere, and members of the far-right Herstigte Nasionale Party (HNP) merely grumbled on the side lines.

To complicate matters, the divisions do not apply to the beach, but to the sea. A black Australian actor and a South African friend were recently thrown off a white Durban beach when they stepped into the water. The Australian later received an apology from the council: it was, he was told, municipal policy to ignore "international blacks" on white beaches.

The engine of this change from the old simplicities to the present incoherent mess is the economy. The arrival of a large black population to work in the factories on the fringe of the city meant a massive increase in the demand for public space such as beaches.

The city's tourism managers are also anxious about the civic image: the white tourist industry, they warn, no longer brings in enough revenue on its own.

George Brock

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

New exhibitions

Drawings by Karen Mence; Niccol Centre, Brewery Ct, Cirencester, Mon to Fri 9 to 5, Sat 10 to 12.30 (ends Jan 29).

Paintings by Alison Jones, Turned Wood by Mike Scott; Oxford Gallery, 23 High St, Mon to Sat 10 to 5 (ends Feb 4).

Drawings and paintings by Maria Schiano; St David's Hall, The Hayes, Cardiff, Mon to Sat 10 onwards (ends Jan 31).

Mariko Kondo's dolls and marionettes; Smith's Gallery, 56 Earlham St, WC2, 10 to 8 (ends Jan 11).

The Secret Life of an Oakwood, photographs by Stephen Dalton; London Ecology Centre, 45 Shelton St, WC2, Mon to Sat 10 to 6 (ends Jan 28).

Last chance to see

No Time for Dreams, Monique Blanchet's photographs on apartheid; Centre 181 Gallery, 181 King St, W6, 10 to 5.30.

Music

Christian Blackshaw, pianist: BBC lunchtime concert, St John's Smith Sq, SW1, 1.

London Festival Ballet *The Nutcracker*, Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, SE1, 7.30.

PLG Young Artists and 20th Century Music Series; Purcell Room, South Bank, SE1, 6.00 and 7.30.

The South Bank Editions, Bill Bruford Quartet; Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, SE1, 8.

Trio Finnico; Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore Street, W1, 7.30.

Piano recital by John Babb; St Lawrence Jewry next Guildhall, EC2, 1.

Recital by Debra Poulter and Robert Muckenfuss; St Martin-in-the-Fields, WC2, 1.05.

Talks, films and lectures

Hungarian Evening: Slide illustrations; Birmingham and Midland Institute, Margaret St, Birmingham, 6.30.

One Man's Meat is Another Man's Poison by Dr Sybil Birtwistle; 10.30; Teaching Computers to Read by Mr Ian Quayle; The Engineering Department, Trumpington St, Cambridge, 10.30.

Film *Le Thé au harem d'Archimède*; Institut Français, 17 Queensberry Pl, SW7, 6.30 and 8.30.

Seeing the Light; Children's Tour; 11.30; Painting of the month "The Lady of Shalott" by John William Waterhouse; 1.15 pm; *Tate Gallery, Millbank*, SW1.

Heroic Times; French and Soviet influence on British film and video in 1920s; ICA, The Mall, SW1; 6.15 and 8.30.

General

Fantastic Mr Fox; Gardner Arts Centre, Sussex University, Falmer, Brighton, 6.00.

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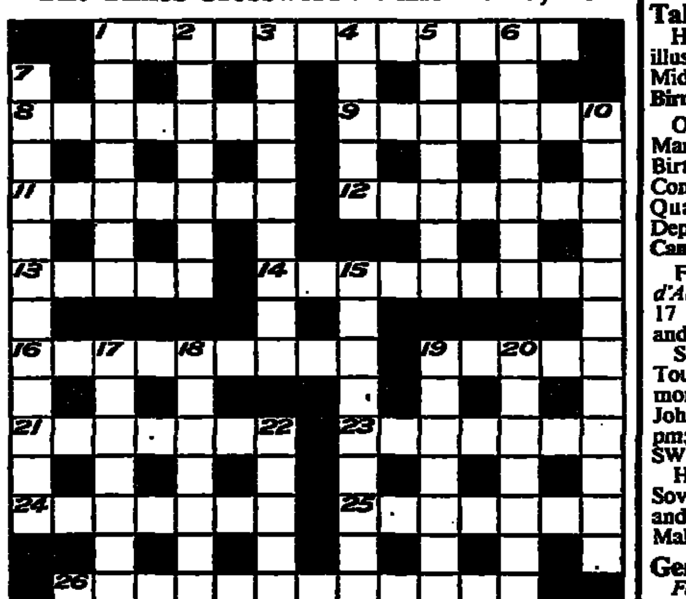
The Times Crossword Puzzle No 17,245



ACROSS

1 The eccentric gave a car next – such prodigality! (12).
8 Get some benefit from a noble deed (7).
9 Workers absorbing article about a star (7).
11 Choosy individual with a marked preference (7).
12 One is made to accept an order that's offensive (7).
13 The fighting man's face-saving device (5).
14 Transport for those wanting personal attention (9).
16 Aim to include every form of hesitation and disloyalty (9).
19 It's light to carry (5).
21 Applied decoration to finished poem (7).
23 Left with original backing – swell! (4,3).
24 No conscientious guy needs to hurry (7).
25 Some people seethe at repellent plays (7).
26 Seeing Roman rotters misbehaving, he made complaint (12).

DOWN

1 Quick to get out of jam (7).
2 A supporter of the pig and pony (7).
3 Take turns later maybe – neat solution (9).
4 Making a return once more (5).
5 Crowded dwelling for six-footers (3-4).
6 Duck boxed in picture (7).
7 Bookings made with certain misgivings (12).
10 He gives a moving performance in 25 (5-7).
15 Where horses are given a drink in town (9).
17 Cheer for most of the players at end of game (7).
18 Coy pals' drunken song (7).
19 The sunburned man's touching line (7).
20 A roll containing nothing but chicken (7).
22 Speak up about sailors' stories (5).

The solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No 17,244 will appear next Saturday

Concise Crossword page 14

Nature notes

Treecreepers feed under the bare boughs, moving along completely upside down and searching for insects in cracks in the bark. They have large eyes for seeing into these dark crannies, and their black and brown plumage blends with the striated branches. Most of them spend all their life in the same wood.

More siskins are arriving from Europe, and feeding in flocks in the alder trees. If disturbed, the whole flock rapidly abandons the tree in a small cloud, circles round, and instantly spreads itself out among the twigs again.

Great crested grebes normally go down to the estuaries in winter, but this January many of them are still on their breeding lakes. They are very silvery birds now, having lost their chestnut ruffs; but they keep their dark head-tufts all the year round.

The delicate trefoil leaves of next spring's wood sorrel are already up in clumps on the damp banks of ditches; cow parsley leaves are thick on the road-sides; dandilion leaves are sprouting everwhere. Many oak woods still have a green look: this is because the brown leaves still hanging on the branches often have a thin green streak down the middle. DJM

Tower Bridge

Tower Bridge will be raised today at 3.30 pm.

Roads

London and the South-east: A219: Delays at Fulham Palace Rd with temporary lights and single alternate line traffic southbound near Cloncurry St junction. A202: Delays at South Lambeth Rd, Vauxhall Cross, with traffic reduced to two lanes at Kennington Ln junction. A323: Delays with diversions for southbound traffic at Reading Rd N, Fleet.

The Midlands: Contraflow S of Grantham at Great Ponton, Lincolnshire.

Wales and the west: A38: Lane closures north and southbound at Haldon Hill between Exeter and Plymouth. A4: Temporary lights on the Chippenham causeway, Wiltshire. A470: Delays at Nant Garw and Pontypridd, Cardiff.

Motorways page 5

Anniversaries

Births: **Konrad Adenauer**, first Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany 1949-63, Cologne, 1876.

Deaths: **Saint Edward the Confessor**, reigned 1042-66, London 1066. **Sir Ernest Henry Shackleton**, explorer, South Georgia, Antarctica, 1922; **Calvin Coolidge**, 30th President of the USA 1923-29, Northampton, Massachusetts, 1933.

Tonight is Twelfth Night, formerly an occasion for great merrymaking.

—Portfolio Gold—

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In the columns provided next to your shares note the price change (+ or -), in pence, as published in that day's Times.

After listing the price changes of your eight shares for that day, add up all eight share changes to give you your overall total plus or minus (+ or -).

Check your overall total against The Times Portfolio dividend published on the Stock Exchange Prices page.

If your overall total matches The Times Portfolio dividend you have won outright or a share of the total prize money stated for that day and must claim your prize as instructed below.

How to play – Weekly Dividend

Monday-Saturday record your daily Portfolio total.

Add these together to determine your weekly Portfolio total.

If your total matches the published weekly dividend figure you have won outright or a share of the prize money stated for that week, and must claim your prize as instructed below.

How to claim

Telephone The Times Portfolio claims line 0254-53272 between 10.00am and 3.30pm, on the day your overall total matches The Times Portfolio Dividend. No claims can be accepted outside these hours.

You must have your card with you when you telephone.

If you are unable to telephone someone else can claim on your behalf but they must have your card and call The Times Portfolio claims line between the stipulated times.

No responsibility can be accepted for failure to contact the claims office for any reason within the stated hours.

The above instructions are applicable to both daily and weekly dividend claims.

WEATHER

A NW airflow will cover the country. Central and eastern England and eastern Scotland will be fairly sunny and dry with scattered showers and snow on northern hills. The Channel Islands, SW England and Wales will be sunny with occasional showers. NW England, the Isle of Man, SW Scotland and N Ireland will have some sunshine with *showers and snow on hills. Central and N Scotland, the Western and Northern* Isles will have a little sunshine but frequent showers, with snow, especially on hills. It will be windy everywhere with gales in the N and W. Outlook for tomorrow and Wednesday: Cold with some sunshine and sleet or snow showers. On Wednesday a spell of more persistent sleet or snow will spread from the E.

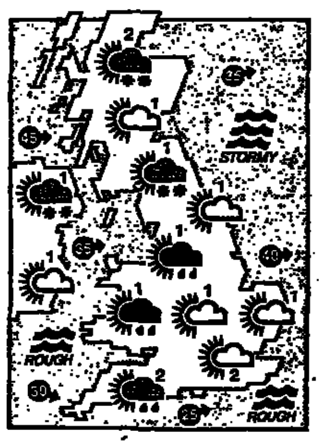
HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	5.20	7.0	5.54	7.1
Aberdeen	5.16	3.9	5.11	4.2
Avonmouth	10.58	12.4	11.20	11.8
Belfast	2.40	3.3	2.54	3.7
Cardiff	10.43	11.5	11.05	10.9
Devonport	9.39	5.3	10.07	4.9
Dover	2.22	6.5	2.53	6.1
Falmouth	9.09	5.1	9.37	4.7
Glasgow	4.21	4.6	4.27	5.1
Harwich	3.07	3.8	3.43	3.8
Holyhead	1.55	6.1	2.08	5.4
Hull	10.06	6.7	10.04	7.3
Ilfracombe	9.46	8.7	10.07	8.1
Leith	6.24	5.2	6.43	5.3
Liverpool	2.46	8.7	3.04	9.1
Lowestoft	12.27	2.6	1.38	2.2
Margate	3.25	4.7	4.10	4.5
Milford Haven	10.03	6.7	10.26	6.2
Newquay	8.58	6.8	9.22	6.2
Oban	9.31	3.7	9.37	3.3
Penzance	8.49	5.4	9.19	4.9
Portland	10.23	2.2	11.01	1.7
Portsmouth	3.04	4.6	3.10	4.4
Shoreham	2.47	6.1	3.02	5.8
Southampton	2.34	4.4	2.45	4.2
Swansea	10.04	8.8	10.23	8.3
Tees	7.35	4.9	7.37	5.2
W'ton-on-Nze	3.01	4.0	3.39	4.0

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.

Sun rises: 8.06 am
Sun sets: 4.06 pm
Moon rises 11.09 am
Moon sets 11.16 pm
First quarter tomorrow

AM



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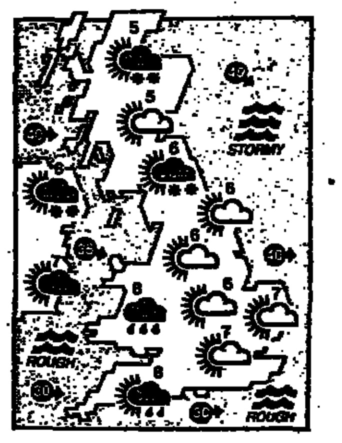


YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

		C	F			C	F
Belfast	c	7	45	Guernsey	c	7	45
B'rmgham	r	7	45	Inverness	c	7	45
Blackpool	r	9	48	Jersey	r	7	45
Bristol	c	9	48	London	r	7	45
Cardiff	r	9	48	M'chster	r	8	46
Edinburgh	r	10	50	Newcastle	r	9	48
Glasgow	r	9	48	R'naldsway	c	10	50

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 10C (50F) ; min 6 pm to 6 am,2C (36F) Humidity: 6 pm, 94 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.17 in Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, nil Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1012.6 millibars, falling

Saturday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 6C (43F) ; min 6 pm to 6 am,2C (36F) Humidity: 6 pm, 82 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 5.2 hr Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1031.7 millibars, rising

1,000 millibars=29.53in.

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	*	-	4	39	sunny
Bridlington	5.4	-	4	39	sunny
Cromer	4.0	-	6	43	bright
Lowestoft	4.2	-	5	41	sunny
Clacton	6.2	-	5	41	sunny
Margate	*	-	5	41	sunny
Folkestone	2.6	.05	5	41	sunny
Hastings	4.2	-	5	41	sunny
Eastbourne	4.5	-	5	41	sunny
Brighton	6.4	-	4	39	sunny
Worthing	7.0	-	5	41	sunny
Littlehmptn	7.1	-	5	41	sunny
Bognor R	6.9	-	5	41	sunny
Southsea	7.3	-	5	41	sunny
Shanklin	6.2	-	5	41	sunny
Bournemth	5.6	-	8	46	sunny
Poole	5.6	-	5	41	bright
Swanage	7.5	-	5	41	sunny
Weymouth	6.1	-	6	43	sunny
Exmouth	5.9	-	4	39	sunny
Torquay	3.6	-	5	41	sunny
Falmouth	*	-	6	43	sunny
Scilly Isles	6.9	-	9	48	sunny
Guernsey	0.7	-	6	43	cloudy
Newquay	7.1	-	6	43	sunny
Ilfracombe	*	-	*	*	sunny
B'pool Airpt	2.8	-	4	39	bright
Morecambe	3.6	-	4	39	bright
Douglas	1.5	-	5	41	cloudy
B'ham Airpt	6.4	-	3	37	sunny
Bristol (Ctrl)	6.8	-	5	41	sunny
Carlisle	3.1	-	2	36	bright
London	5.2	-	6	43	sunny
Manchester	5.9	-	2	36	sunny
N'cstl-n-Tyne	5.3	-	3	37	sunny
Nottingham	6.3	-	4	39	sunny
Anglesey	2.2	-	5	41	sunny
Cardiff (Ctrl)	6.8	-	5	41	sunny
Tenby	4.3	-	5	41	sunny
Eskdalemuir	3.9	-	-1	30	snow
Glasgow	1.0	.01	0	32	rain
Lerwick	1.2	.07	3	37	sunny
Prestwick	2.3	.01	3	37	cloudy
Tiree	-	.04	6	43	rain
Wick	-	.06	3	37	cloudy
Belfast	0.8	-	3	37	rain

These are Saturday's figures
*Figures not available

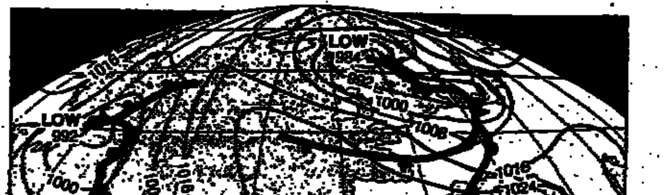
LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 4.36 pm to 7.35 am
Bristol 4.46 pm to 7.45 am
Edinburgh 4.24 pm to 8.12 am
Manchester 4.34 pm to 7.54 am
Penzance 5.04 pm to 7.51 am

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Saturday: Highest day temp: Scilly Isles 9C (48F) ; lowest day max: Eskdalemuir -1C (30F) ; highest rainfall: Neist Point 0.16 in; highest sunshine: Swanage 7.5 hr.

NOON TODAY



ABROAD

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow; t, thunder.

		C	F			C	F			C	F			C	F
Ajaccio	s	13	55	Cologne	c	2	36	Majorca	s	14	57	Rome	s	10	50
Akrotiri	f	18	64	C'phagn	sn	-4	25	Malaga	f	15	59	Salzburg	f	-1	30
Alex'dria	s	19	66	Corfu	s	13	55	Malta				S Frisco*	r	13	55
Algiers	f	13	55	Dublin	r	11	52	Melb'rne	f	21	70	Santiago*	s	27	81
Amst'dm	c	3	37	Dubrovnik	s	4	39	Mexico C*	s	16	61	S Paulo*	c	20	68
Athens	c	9	48	Faro	s	13	55	Miami*	s	19	66	Seoul	s	-2	28
Bahrain	s	19	66	Florence	s	9	48	Milan	c	0	32	Sing'por	s	30	86
Barbads*	c	27	81	Frankfurt	f	1	34	Montreal*	s	-5	23	St'kholm	s	-14	7
Barcelna	s	11	52	Funchal	c	19	66	Moscow	s	-19	-2	Strasb'rg	s	1	34
Beirut				Geneva	s	2	36	Munich	f	-1	30	Sydney	s	26	79
Belgrade	c	-3	27	Gibraltar	f	15	59	Nairobi				Tangier	f	17	63
Berlin	c	-3	27	Helsinki	s	-24	-11	Naples	s	8	46	Tel aviv	s	18	64
Bermuda*	f	21	70	Hong K	r	17	63	N Delhi	s	20	68	Tenerife	s	20	68
Biarritz				Innsbrck	sn	0	32	N York*	c	4	39	Tokyo	s	10	50
Borde'x	s	3	37	Istanbul	sn	2	36	Nice	s	13	55	Toronto*	s	-2	28
Boul'ne				Jeddah	s	27	81	Oslo	c	-13	9	Tunis	f	12	54
Brussels	c	3	37	Jo'burg*	f	25	77	Paris	f	3	37	Valencia	s	12	54
Budapest	s	-1	30	Karachi	c	23	73	Peking	f	-4	25	Vanc'ver*	c	9	48
B Aires*	s	28	82	L Palmas	s	19	66	Perth	s	35	95	Venice	s	4	39
Cairo	s	19	66	Lisbon	s	9	48	Prague	f	-3	27	Vienna	f	-1	30
Cape Tn	s	24	75	Locarno	s	9	48	Reykjvik	sn	0	32	Warsaw	s	-6	21
C'blanca	s	17	63	L Angels*	s	14	57	Rhodes	c	15	59	Wash'ton*	c	7	45
Chicago*	f	4	39	Luxembg	c	-1	30	Rio de J	c	26	79	Wel'nton	s	16	61
Ch'church	s	18	64	Madrid	s	8	46	Riyadh	s	20	68	Zurich	f	0	32

* denotes Saturday's figures are latest available

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STOCK MARKET
(Change on week)

FT 30 Share
1320.2 (+19.0)
FT-SE 100
1681.1 (+16.0)
Bargains
19640 (10000)
USM (Datastream)
131.12 (+0.93)

THE POUND
(Change on week)

US Dollar
1.4920 (+0.0340)
W German mark
2.8579 (–0.0085)
Trade-weighted
69.5 (+0.5)

Scot Am in Guinness stake sale

By Lawrence Lever

Scottish Amicable Life Assurance Society, *the institution* which voiced the most public of the protests against the *revised structure* for the Guinness board, has sold its stake in the brewing and leisure group.

The life company was among several Scottish and other institutions hostile to plans for a single board for *Guinness with Mr Ernest* Saunders occupying the positions of both chairman and chief executive.

They were also angered by Guinness's failure to appoint Sir Thomas Risk, governor of the Bank of Scotland, as chairman of the company.

Graeme Knox: he spoke against the Guinness board

At an extraordinary meeting called to approve the revised proposals, Mr Graeme Knox, general manager investments of Scottish Amicable, was the only shareholder to speak against the board.

He said that Distillers shareholders and those of the rival bidder, Argyll Group, had been "cheated".

He also described Guinness's explanations for the change in plans as "woefully inadequate" and "questionable".

A Scottish Amicable spokesman said yesterday that the company had reduced it stake *by the time of the* October meeting and had sold the remainder before the government investigation was announced.

J M Metals' division sold for over £3m

Johnson Matthey Metals has sold its electrical contacts division at Wembley to Electro-Precision Components of Sheffield in a deal worth more than £3 million.

The Wembley plant, which employs 150, will effectively double EPC's staff and take the company, formed in 1984 as a subsidiary of the Birmingham Mint Group, into the defence and aerospace industries. EPC specializes in making small electrical switching components, involving the use of precious metals. Its sales director, Mr Bruce Elson, said: "One of our key objectives for 1987 is to increase our penetration into the European market."

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RESULTS

TODAY — Interims: Carclo Engineering Group. Finals: First National Finance Corporation.
TOMORROW — Interims: None announced. Finals: Abbey Panels Investments, PWS Holdings.
WEDNESDAY — Interims: Hollas Group, Stone International, TR City of London Trust, J W Wassall. Finals: Body Shop International, Countryside Properties, Horizon Travel, *Robert Horne* Group, Valin Pollen International.
THURSDAY — Interims: Abbey PLC, Stanley Leisure Organisation. Finals: Associated Newspapers Holdings, Daily Mail and General Trust, Wardle Storeys.
FRIDAY — Interims: Peter Black Holdings, Gnome Photographic Products, Hambro Currency Distributor Fund. *Finals*: Hawtin.

President faces $1 trillion fight

Reagan seeks record budget

From Bailey Morris, Washington

President Reagan today introduces the first $1 trillion (*$1,000 billion or £680 billion*) budget in US history amid growing concern that the soaring deficits are undermining the dollar and destabilizing the international economy.

Administration officials have been leaking parts of the budget in the hope of convincing the public and the new, Democratic-controlled Congress *that it will* be able to reduce the deficit to $108 billion in the 1988 budget. *This is* the target for the new fiscal year contained in the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings balanced budget law passed last year.

European officials have increased their warnings in recent months that the United States must take decisive action this year to reduce the fiscal deficit and the record *trade deficit, projected at $170* billion for 1986, to prevent a world recession.

But the broad outlines of Mr Reagan's budget, which will not be fully disclosed until later this month, suggest another fierce battle between the White House and Congress.

Mr Reagan, in his weekly radio address, described his new *plan* as "a no *tax* increase budget" and for the first time, he proposed a move to a two-year budget to bring more discipline to an unwieldy process. But Democratic leaders in Congress say additional revenues must be raised.

To reduce the deficit from a projected $174 billion this fiscal year to the $108 billion *target, Mr Reagan is proposing* a policy mix which Congress has already rejected.

He wants additional steep cuts in domestic social programmes, no new taxes, and big increases for controversial defence and military aid programmes, includinga 62 per cent increase in funding for the Strategic Defence Initiative, the so-called "Star Wars" space programme, and an additional $100 million in *funds for the Contra rebels.*

To raise revenues, the Administrationwants to step up the pace of sales of *federal* assets, including a controversial proposal to sell lucrative, interest-paying portions of the government's $1 trillion loan portfolio to private investors.

The education department has offered colleges a chance *to buy back their own loans* at an average discount rate of 37 per cent and Wall Street firms may be given the opportunity to buy back loans of the US export-import bank to foreign governments and companies.

Part of the problem in selling the new budget to Congress is a growing lack of credibility over the economic *projections it contains.*

Mr James Miller, director of the US office of management and budget, said yesterday that the $108 billion deficit projection is based on proposed asset sales which may never take place and a sharp about-turn in the US trade deficit which showed no signs of abating last month at a *record $19.2 billion.*

"If the trade deficit does not turn around as we project then our deficit target is in trouble," he said.

The economic assumptions in the budget project growth of 3.2 per cent in 1987 and inflation of about 4 per cent. But the independent Congressional Budget Office has projected growth of 3 per cent or less and inflation of 4.4 per cent. It also said that the deficit this fiscal year will total $174.5 billion, well above the *$144 billion target* Congress and the Administration claimed had been met in the current *budget.*

Charles Clive-Ponsonby-Fane: in three years he should be sampling Somerset Calvados

Cider man's spirited challenge

Mr Charles Clive-Ponsonby-Fane, a Somerset landowner, is setting up England's first distillery to produce a version of Calvados, the French apple brandy, from *local cider.*

Mr Clive owns 13th century *Brympton D'Evercy House,* near Yeovil, which has been in the family since 1730. He and *his* wife, Judy, have been restoring it since they married in 1975.

He is converting part of the museum beestablished there*into a distillery in which he is* installing a recently acquired Calvados still.

Setting up the enterprise *introduced him to a labyrinth* of bureaucracy. It took a year to obtain French permission to export the still from Normandy while British red tape resulted in a delay of nearly two years before Customs and Excise gave their approval.

Even now, the still is providing problems because it arrived at Brympton D'Evercy in pieces and Mr Clive is not sure how to reassemble it.

He and his partner, the prize-winning cider maker Mr Julian Temperley, are seeking expert advice from Normandy. *They are trying to persuade* a Calvados distiller to visit Somerset and demonstrate how the still works.

They hope to have it operating by Easter with "scrumpy" being pumped into a header tank and gravity-fed through the still, dripping out at the rate of 36 gallons a day in a continuous process.

But tipplers anticipating the result of the entente cordial will have to be patient. The *brandy will have to be stored* in wooden casks to develop its full flavour.

Mr Clive said: "There won't *be any* Somerset brandy on the market until about 1990 because it takes about three years to *mature.*"

Only three or four barrels will be made at first and the future of the venture will depend on how popular the brandy becomes.

The idea of the still developed from the success of a small vineyard Mr Clive planted a few years ago, but there are no plans to become *rivals of the houses of Cognac.*

Forecast of jobless 'below 3m'

By Rodney Lord
Economics Editor

Unemployment could fall more rapidly *this* year than in any year since 1973, dropping below 3 million by the end of it, according to an economic forecast by Goldman Sachs.

The bank says that Britain may be vying with Germany *for the honour of fastest* growing major economy in 1987 with growth of around 3 per cent.

To prevent inflation and balance of payments problems slower growth may be required next year, it says. The current account deficit could remain at £2 billion to £3 billion.

In another forecast Cambridge Econometrics *predicts* balance of payments problems for Britain lasting some years. The fall in the pound last year and the growth in invisible exports will not offset fully the effects of strong consumer imports and re-emerging inflation.

Meanwhile Mr Christopher Johnson of Lloyds Bank *claims that unemployment* could be reduced by 1 million over the next five years by increasing public spending.

Mr Johnson suggests that cutting VAT and the National Insurance surcharge would create more jobs than cutting income tax.

Stop-go policy fear after growth dash

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

The Government is making a dash for growth similar to *the 1972-73* "Barber boom" according to Alexanders Laing & Cruickshank, the stockbroker. *But,* it says, the boom will be followed by the return of "stop-go" policies.

In the firm's *Economic and Monetary Review*, Alexanders Laing & Cruickshank examines the prospects for the economy to 1992. The conclusion *is that the weakness of the* balance of payments will necessitate the use of 1960s-style restrictive economic policies.

"Currently we are in a 'Barber boom' style GO phase with growth fuelled by government spending, tax cuts and easy credit," the review says. "This will be followed by a STOP phase as the Government is forced to reintroduce credit controls and raise taxes to rein back consumer spending."

The review concedes that several factors have changed since Britain was last forced to *adopt stop-go economic* policies. In the 1950s and 1960s, a recession was a growth slowdown but growth rates were positive. In both 1974-75 and 1980-81 the economy contracted sharply.

As a result, output may still be below its trend level and there may still be slack in the economy to be taken up before *the balance of payments starts* to exert a constraint.

In addition, economic policy is no longer *aimed* at stabilizing cyclical movements in the economy. In the post-war years attempts to stabilize through demand management may have actually exerted a destabilizing influence and contributed to the stop-go cycle.

Even so, Alexanders Laing & Cruickshank argues that the medium term financial strategy does not equip the authorities with the means to deal with either current account deficits, or unemployment.

As a result of stop-go, growth in the economy is expected to average only 2.3 per cent a year in the period 1987-92.

However, the policy, along with entry into the exchange rate mechanism of the European Monetary System soon after the next general election, is expected to restrict the current account deficit to no more than £3 billion a year in the period *with small surpluses* in some of the years.

The return of 1960s-style economic policies is expected to be accompanied by the return of 1960s inflation.

Oil traders predict $20 barrel

By Our Energy
Correspondent

The world oil market is *expecting prices to continue to* climb today with some traders suggesting that the $20 mark *could be reached by the end of* the month as demand rises and eats into company stocks faster than predicted.

Algeria has become the latest Opec member to tell customers that it will be trimming output and pricing its oil according to the new Opec formula from February 1, and in the United States and *Canada most major producers* have now told customers that prices will be raised in line with Opec.

North Sea oil is being traded at more than $18 a barrel for the first time in almost a year, and while this has increased government revenue from oil taxation and royalties, it is also likely to lead to higher prices at the pumps.

The leading oil companies *will want a price increase* before the Budget to give scope for marketing campaigns to counter *lower* demand after the inevitable increase in taxation.

BA sale may aim at bigger investor

By David Young

The Government will clear British Airways for its take-off into the private sector this week *when* it issues the pathfinder or preliminary prospectus for the sale of the airline.

The *document, which will* be published on Thursday, will not, however, contain several key facts, notably the minimum application level for shares and the liklely dividend yield to be paid on the shares.

The Government is anxious to attract maximum support for the £1 billion sale, particularly *among themedium* and larger-sized investors. For that reason it is likley that the minimum application for shares will be set at £250 or higher, compared with the £150 minimum for British Gas and the £250 minimum for British Telecom.

The institutional investors are hoping that the full prospectus *when* it comes at the end of this month will suggest a gross forecast dividend of more than 8 per cent, but it seems more likely that the figure will be nearer 6 per cent.

Nevertheless, Wood Mackenzie, the broker, has told clients: "In valuing British Airways we believe that the dividend yield will be *among the more important* factors. Given the nature of the business an above average *yield is* expected. *Equally* the earnings multiple should not be too demanding.

"If BA were already quoted its market capitalization could approach £1 billion. Assuming a dividend paying capacity of around £60 million gross this would suggest a yield of 6 per cent or more — well above the market average."

British airways

The Government is also likely to earmark at least 20 per cent of the shares for overseas *investors, with* inquiries already in from the US, Canada, Japan, West Germany and Switzerland.

The large interest in previous privatization sales from overseas has led the Treasury to believe that it can sell a high proportion of shares to large investors overseas, which will also help it in its aim of limiting the sale to the more sophisticated investor.

One element which the specialist investor *in the* airline business will be aware of is the prospect of rapidly rising fuel prices.

Airline fuel bills fell dramatically last year as the world oil price plummeted but since the December Opec agreement prices have risen steadily and product prices are now likley to follow.

Britain's North Sea oil price now seems to be firmly established above $18 a barrel with further rises *likley if* Opec tightens its production. As yet none of the leading oil companies has announced increases in product prices, but all have made it clear that margins on products such as aviation fuel and petrol are too low.

British footwear strides on

By Derek Harris
Industrial Editor

Britain's footwear manufacturers have recovered from a difficult sales period during last summer and may have ended 1986 with output up for the fourth successive year.

This emerges from the latest quarterly survey by the British Footwear Manufacturers Federation. *Some manufacturers,* especially those producing branded footwear have a "good" level of orders which should carry them well into this year.

The fall of the pound against Continental currencies should also smooth the path for the British makers with the effects expected to show *through early this year.*

Exports of British footwear soared in the third quarter, rising by nearly a fifth to 5.7 million pairs, the highest ever achieved in that quarter. The rise was mainly in lower-priced goods like non-leather styles so the increase by value was less marked. The Irish Republic, West Germany and *Italy all proved buoyant markets* for British makers.

But the threat from imports into Britain is growing again. In the third quarter they were up 9 per cent in volume, with steep rises from Portugal and Brazil. Italy, the biggest importer, whose trade into Britain had fallen off 6 per cent in the first half of 1986, *has also made up some lost* ground.

Import penetration by volume now stands at 54.3 per cent compared with 51.4 per cent in the third quarter of 1985.

This was a setback for the British makers who have been fighting back increasingly successfully against the *imports tide.*

The British industry is continuing to improve its productivity, says the survey, which regards this as a good omen for the future.

100 days after Big Bang, one Minister's nerve endings are unfrayed

Uproar in City fails to ruffle Howard

By Colin Narbrough

Mr Michael Howard, Minister for Corporate and Consumer Affairs, is reasonably content with the way things are going 100 days after Big Bang — in spite of flak the Government is taking after the *revelations* in the City in recent weeks.

He is keen to give the new *financial services legislation* a thorough try-out before seeking change and is convinced that insider dealing can be curbed.

Because of family links between Mr Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, *and* the Guinness Group Mr Howard has been obliged to take the lead on the enquiry into Guinness. And his steering *through* Parliament of the complex Financial Services Bill won him widespread praise, even from those who remain unhappy about parts of it.

But not all has gone to plan. He did not expect the Stock Exchange and the *International* Securities Regulatory Organisation to merge.

Two of the main concerns ahead of Big Bang were that there would be insufficient market makers in gamma, or less frequently traded stocks, and that the cost of share trading for small buyers and sellers would rise. But in fact, Mr Howard points out, more gamma stocks have been *traded than forecast in* October. Turnover in securities generally had increased, helping to give welcome depth to the market.

Not that trading volume was the Government's prime concern. Nor was the way in which the market place operated — such as the post-Big Bang *disappearance of floor* trading — a Government worry. "What we're interested in is the maintenance of standards. In an efficient market that can raise capital as economically as possible for British industry," Mr Howard said in an interview with *The Times.*

The switch to computerization was, despite the early break-downs, a welcome *development for the regulators* and would not make it easier to shake off the watch dogs. "At the press of a button they can tell when shares are traded, where and at what price. This is very helpful."

Although he refused to comment on the present investigations involving City firms he *did say, on the possibility of* more inspectors being appointed: "I've no idea how the curve will develop. But where there is evidence we will investigate."

The increased availability of information to the authorities, greater powers to appoint inspectors and the Government's determination to use those powers were, said Mr Howard, "grounds for *believing* we *can curb insider* dealing and malpractice."

The international dimension of malpractice in financial services was more difficult to *control if carried on outside* Britain although under the Financial Services Act overseas investors could be barred from using our markets.

After its information-swapping accord with the US Securities and Exchange Commission in September, the DTI hosted a rather surprising meeting of regulators *from ten* countries last month. Even the usually reluctant Swiss attended and Mr Howard considered the meeting more successful than anticipated.

He looks forward now, he said, to a network of bilateral agreements for the exchange of information about specific cases of abuse. The first was likely to be with Japan.

There would, however, be no general opening of files between national regulators. "I don't see the need for open access to other countrys' files," Mr Howard said. Modern electronics already made it very much easier for investigators to identify specific information.

The transatlantic shock waves from the fall of US arbitrageur, Ivan Boskey, provoked fierce criticism of the role of arbitrage business in big takeover battles. Mr Howard saidhe saw no way of doing anything specific about arbigrage — "an activity which in itself is perfectly legitimate," although offences would be dealt with. Performance-related payments to financial advisors on takeover bids, another practice that has aroused critisism was not "intrinsically wrong," either. And indemnities provided in share deals were already covered by existing regulations.

But his apparently relaxed view of some practices during the takeover struggles could change if malpractices were uncovered by inspectors. If their reports indicate that additional measures were needed "very careful consideration will be given."

On the issue of nominee share ownership, Mr Howard defended the Government decision not to make disclosure compulsory, saying there were legitimate grounds for non-disclosure.

Howard (left) who had to take the hot spot in the Guinness investigation from Channon

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MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD

Base Rates %
Clearing Banks 11
Finance House 11½

Discount Market Loans %
Overnight: High: 10¾ Low 10½
Week fixed: 10¾

Treasury Bills (Discount %)

Buying	Selling
2 mnth 10⅝	2 mnth 10 11/16
3 mnth 10 11/16	3 mnth 10⅝

Prime Bank Bills (Discount %)

1 mnth 10 15/16-10 29/32	2 mnth 10⅞-10 27/32
3 mnth 10 11/16-10 21/32	6 mnth 10½-10⅜

Trade Bills (Discount %)

1 mnth 11 7/16	2 mnth 11⅜
3 mnth 11 5/16	6 mnth 11⅛

Interbank (%)
Overnight: open 11 close 10⅞

1 week 11 1/16-11	6 mnth 10 15/16-10⅞
1 mnth 11⅛-11 1/16	9 mnth 10 15/16-10 13/16
3 mnth 11-10 15/16	12 mth 10 15/16-10 13/16

Local Authority Deposits (%)

2 days 10¾	7 days 10⅞
1 mnth 10⅞	3 mnth 10⅞
6 mnth 10⅞	12 mth 10⅞

Local Authority Bonds (%)

1 mnth 11⅜-11¼	2 mnth 11⅜-11¼
3 mnth 11⅜-11¼	6 mnth 11 7/16-11⅜
9 mnth 11 5/16-11¼	12 mth 11⅜-11¼

Sterling CDs (%)

1 mnth 11⅛-11	3 mnth 11-10⅞
6 mnth 10 15/16-10 13/16	12 mth 10¾-10⅝

Dollar CDs (%)

1 mnth 6.40-6.35	3 mnth 6.15-6.10
6 mnth 6.10-6.05	12 mth 6.10-6.05

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

Dollar	call 7-6
7 days 6⅞-6¾	1 mnth 6 5/16-6 3/16
3 mnth 6¼-6⅛	6 mnth 6¼-6⅛
Deutschmark	call 5½-4½
7 days 5⅝-5½	1 mnth 5-4⅞
3 mnth 4 15/16-4 13/16	6 mnth 4 15/16-4 13/16
French Franc	call 9¾-8¾
7 days 10½-10	1 mnth 12½-12
3 mnth 12½-12	6 mnth 11⅜-10⅞
Swiss Franc	call 2¼-1¼
7 days 3¼-3	1 mnth 3 1/16-2 15/16
3 mnth 3 1/16-2 15/16	6 mnth 3 1/16-2 15/16
Yen	call 5-4
7 days 5¼-5	1 mnth 4⅝-4½
3 mnth 4⅝-4½	6 mnth 4 7/16-4 5/16

BULLION

Gold:$403.00-403.50
Krugerrand (per coin, ex vat):
$ 400.50-403.50 (£268.00-270.50)
Sovereigns (new, ex vat):
$ 94.50-95.50 (£63.25-64.00)
Platinum
$ 489.00 (£327.65)
Silver
$ 5.45-5.47 (£3.65-3.66)

TREASURY BILLS

Applcts: £384.3M	alloted: £100M
Bids: £97.37%	received: 10%
Last week: £97.345%	received: £90%
Avge rate: £10.4727%	last wk £10.6492%
Next week: £100M	replace £100M

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

	Market rates day's range January 2	Market rates close January 2	1 month	3 months
N York	1.4830-1.4970	1.4915-1.4925	0.59-0.56prem	1.73-1.68prem
Montreal	2.0465-2.0589	2.0553-2.0589	0.55-0.46prem	1.37-1.21prem
Ams'dam	3.2196-3.2399	3.2291-3.2357	1½-1¼prem	4⅛-3⅞prem
Brussels	59.32-59.72	59.47-59.66	20-15prem	46-37prem
C'phgen	10.7977-10.8496	10.8283-10.8460	1⅛-⅜prem	2⅜-1⅝prem
Dublin	1.0522-1.0580	1.0543-1.0553	18-27dis	61-80dis
Frankfurt	2.8503-2.8633	2.8570-2.8619	1⅝-1⅜prem	4⅜-4⅛prem
Lisbon	214.59-216.42	215.22-216.11	77-126dis	231-327dis
Madrid	194.27-195.89	194.49-194.92	10-35dis	20-76dis
Milan	1984.25-2000.25	1988.92-1997.71	par-3dis	par-7dis
Oslo	10.8778-10.9482	10.9297-10.9445	2¾-3¼dis	11⅝-12⅜dis
Paris	9.4348-9.4880	9.4651-9.4863	⅜prem-⅛dis	⅝prem-1⅛dis
St'khlm	9.9969-10.0566	10.0393-10.0535	1½-1⅛prem	3⅛-2⅝prem
Tokyo	234.61-236.40	235.73-236.11	1½-1⅛prem	3⅝-3⅜prem
Vienna	20.06-20.18	20.12-20.17	9⅜-8⅛prem	26⅜-23⅜prem
Zurich	2.3906-2.4029	2.3958-2.4029	1⅝-1⅜prem	4⅛-3⅞prem

Sterling index compared with 1975 was up at 69.5 (day's range 69.1-69.6).

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	1.8730-1.8804
Australia dollar	2.2385-2.2418
Bahrain dinar	0.5615-0.5655
Brazil cruzado *	22.1203-22.2457
Cyprus pound	0.7400-0.7500
Finland marka	7.0740-7.1140
Greece drachma	204.85-206.85
Hong Kong dollar	11.603-11.615
India rupee	19.15-19.35
Iraq dinar	n/a
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4350-0.4390
Malaysia dollar	3.8732-3.8789
Mexico peso	1340.0-1390.0
New Zealand dollar	2.7992-2.8117
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.5855-5.6255
Singapore dollar	3.2354-3.2391
South Africa rand	3.2155-3.2317
U A E dirham	5.4690-5.5090

*Lloyds Bank

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.4110-1.4130
Singapore	2.1685-2.1695
Malaysia	2.5960-2.5980
Australia	0.6660-0.6665
Canada	1.3780-1.3790
Sweden	6.7325-6.7375
Norway	7.3300-7.3350
Denmark	7.2625-7.2675
West Germany	1.9160-1.9170
Switzerland	1.6060-1.6080
Netherlands	2.1650-2.1670
France	6.3500-6.3600
Japan	158.10-158.20
Italy	1335.0-1337.0
Belgium(Comm)	39.90-39.95
Hong Kong	7.7770-7.7790
Portugal	144.25-144.70
Spain	130.40-130.60
Austria	13.49-13.50

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Extel.

CBI urges open policy on safety

By David Young

British companies are to be told to be more open in their efforts to promote a healthier and safer workplace and environment.

The Confederation of British Industry has launched a plan for all industrial and commercial companies to follow open disclosure policies.

This will entail informing people living near their plants and factories of efforts being made to make their businesses safer and of steps being taken to protect the environment.

The plan has the backing of Mr William Waldegrave, the Environment Minister, and Dr John Cullen, chairman of the Health and Safety Commission.

Mr Waldegrave said: "Greater openness in environmental matters can only serve to improve the democratic basis for Britain's system for pollution control."

Dr Cullen said: "The public, and in particular local communities, often need safety and health information for the protection of their well being.

"Industry itself is in the best position to communicate its own activities."

The CBI is urging companies to:

- Establish policies to ensure openness in health, safety and environmental matters.
- Provide local communities with adequate information about potential risks and safety arrangements.
- Agree to requests from regulatory authorities to pass on information to the public.
- Support disclosure and reassure the public that the control authorities operate on their behalf.
- Handle all specific requests for information quickly and politely and give reasons when it genuinely cannot be disclosed.

USM REVIEW

Pineapple's next step likely to raise tempo

Debbie Moore: things could be looking up for her dance studio group

The sudden call for the suspension of trading in the shares of Ms Debbie Moore's *Pineapple Group* on New Year's Eve appears to have gone unnoticed by the world at large. But the move is likely to prove to be one of great significance to the group's shareholders — and could mark a sudden change for the better in Pineapple's fortunes.

Within the next few days Ms Moore is likely to announce a major acquisition for the dancing studio group as the next step in its diversification programme.

Mr Peter Bain, deputy chairman of Pineapple, was unusually coy about releasing details of the deal, but it is likely to involve the issue of *extra shares to help finance it.* He explained: "It's a large acquisition for us. Just short of a reverse takeover. All I can say is that it takes us further into consumer marketing services."

Between them, Ms Moore and Mr Bain are attempting to transform Pineapple into a service-based business in the consumer field. Mr Bain added: "We are hoping to *develop two or three legs to* the business. The acquisition of Golden Key Promotions in November was just the first step in the process."

Pineapple is one of the most glamorous names in the Unlisted Securities Market. Ms Moore, along with her former husband, Mr Norris Masters, floated the company in 1982

The City took her to its heart and, for the first couple of years, *everything* was fine, with pretax profits climbing from £156,000 to £209,000. But the boom in aerobics soon came to an end — and this was to spell trouble for Pineapple. By 1985, the group was in the red with losses of £214,000, *the shares were only worth* half of their original placing price and the break-up of Ms Moore's marriage was followed by her husband's resignation from the company.

It was in June, 1985, that Mr Peter Bain arrived at Pineapple after resigning from the board of Mr Michael Ashcroft's Hawley Group. He bought a 12 per cent stake in the company *and set about* putting it back on the road to recovery. He has since managed to reduce losses to £93,000 and has promised to have Pineapple back in the black during the current year.

Last May, he raised a much-needed £2.1 million by a rights issue and, in November, bought Golden Key for £3 *million.*

Mr Bain is only too aware of Pineapple's shortcomings, but he is also aware of its strengths. He declared: "We have a great design-strength. We want to do what Mary Quant did for marketing in the sixties."

Already the group has expanded its clothing side into leisurewear-fashion and is hoping to make the move into *toiletries and cosmetics soon.* Mr Bain has a good idea of the type of customer he is aiming at — "They are in the 18 to 28 age group, health-aware, but not-over-the-top and usually seen in designer-clothes."

But he also knows that a big task still lies ahead. Further acquisitions are planned and the group's resources, at the *moment,* are limited. They are likely to be financed by a mixture of cash and shares over the next two to three years, taking care not to dilute earnings. But after that, Pineapple will probably be able to finance the expansion programme from its own resources.

Mr Bain still retains a 10 per cent stake in the company, which reflects his belief in its *future.* But this is likely to be diluted once details of this week's acquisition become known. The shares are suspended at 72p.

Michael Clark

Investors cool over high-tech

By Judith Huntley
Commercial Property Correspondent

Land values for so called high-tech development — office and production space for growth industries — will stabilize this year after hitting £1 million an acre, according to a report by Fuller Peiser, the surveyors.

Investors are having second thoughts about such developments with yields below 7 per cent. Profit margins on schemes where land prices are £1 million an acre, have been eroded without proven letting and rental growth patterns, says Fuller Peiser.

The firm reports that rental growth in 1986 fell to below 10 per cent a year due to an increase in supply, compared with 14 per cent in 1985. It gives a warning that developers will have to be careful about where they choose to build if they are to find institutional funding.

The effect of the recent spate of land acquisitions at such prices for high-tech schemes has been to make the development of traditional industrial space uneconomic. There is now a shortage of such space in the South-east.

The development of high-tech buildings with a large office content which can cope with the demands of the electronics and computer industries, prompted the Government's proposed changes to the Use Classes Order allowing for a flexible "Business Use".

This would allow light industrial and high-tech buildings to be used as offices if the occupants so desired. Fuller Peiser does not believe that this will lead to a large exodus from town centre offices to out-of-town business parks as firms choose to locate in both places for different reasons.

But the impact on rents has yet to be assessed.

BASE LENDING RATES

ABN	11.00%
Adam & Company	11.00%
BCCI	11.00%
Citibank Savings†	12.45%
Consolidated Crds	11.00%
Co-operative Bank	11.00%
C. Hoare & Co	11.00%
Hong Kong & Shanghai	11.00%
Lloyds Bank	11.00%
Nat Westminster	11.00%
Royal Bank of Scotland	11.00%
TSB	11.00%
Citibank NA	11.00%

† *Mortgage Base Rate.*

COMPANY NEWS

● **NATIONWIDE LEISURE:** In Oct., the company announced that it had entered into conditional contracts for the purchase of a group of private nursing and residential homes as well as development properties in the east Midlands area, to be funded by a rights issue. Because of a delay in the production of an accountant's report, the conditional contract has been amended at the request of the vendors, so that comple*tion will not take place until* next April.

● **CONTINUOUS STATIONERY:** Agreement has been reached for the purchase of Paperweight, Nottingham, for £100,000, which includes a de*ferred consideration, depending* on results.

● **PRONTAPRINT HOLDINGS:** Interim dividend unchanged at 1p for the 28 weeks to Oct. 1, payable on Feb. 6. Turnover £1.8 million (£1.81 million). Pretax profit £80,000 (£356,000). Earnings per share 0.51p (3.21p). Prospects for the next financial year are more encouraging and the directors look forward to a healthy recovery in profits.

● **DARES ESTATES:** Contracts have been exchanged for the sale to John Maunders Group of six residential housing sites in Dorset and Hampshire for £3.5 million cash. These properties represent virtually the whole of the land and work-in-progress of the house-build*ing division of Dares* Developments (UK) and the sale reflects the board's decision to withdraw from this activity.

● **MAHOGANY MINERALS RESOURCES:** British and European investors have helped to raise Can$2.55 million (£1.28 million)in a share offering for this Canadian company. The offer of 1.7 million shares at Can$1.50 was fully subscribed.

● **STAVELEY INDUSTRIES:** Contracts have been exchanged for the sale of the Lapointe Broach division of Staveley Machine Tools, a subsidiary, to Marbaix (Holdings). The total realization will be about £6 million.

● **INCH KENNETH KAJANG RUBBER:** As a result of recent transactions, Tapul SA *is now interested in 245,000* ordinary shares (5.94 per cent).

TENDERS MUST BE LODGED AT THE BANK OF ENGLAND, NEW ISSUES (N), WATLING STREET, LONDON, EC4M 9AA NOT LATER THAN 10.00 A.M. ON WEDNESDAY, 7TH JANUARY 1987, OR AT ANY OF THE BRANCHES OF THE BANK OF ENGLAND OR AT THE *GLASGOW AGENCY OF THE BANK OF ENGLAND NOT LATER THAN 3.30 P.M. ON TUESDAY,* 6TH JANUARY 1987

ISSUE OF £1,250,000,000

10 per cent TREASURY LOAN, 1994

MINIMUM TENDER PRICE £98.00 PER CENT

PAYABLE AS FOLLOWS:

Deposit with tender	£40.00 per cent
On Tuesday, 24th February 1987	Balance of purchase money

INTEREST PAYABLE HALF-YEARLY ON 9TH JUNE AND 9TH DECEMBER

This Loan is an investment falling within Part II of the First Schedule to the Trustee Investments Act 1961, subject as regards securities payable to bearer to the provisions of Section 7 of the Trustee Act 1925. Application has been made to the Council of The Stock Exchange for the Loan to be admitted to the Official List.

1 THE GOVERNOR AND COMPANY OF THE BANK OF ENGLAND are authorised to receive tenders for £1,000,000,000 of the above Loan: the balance of £250,000,000 has been reserved for the National Debt Commissioners for public funds under their management.

2 The principal of and interest on the Loan will be a charge on the National Loans Fund, with recourse to the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.

3. The Loan will be repaid at par on 9th June 1994.

4 The Loan will be issued in the form of stock which will be registered at the Bank of England or at the Bank of Ireland, Belfast, and will be transferable, in multiples of one penny, by instrument in writing in accordance with the Stock Transfer Act 1963. Stock registered at the Bank of England held for the account of members of the Central Gilts Office Service will also be transferable, in multiples of one penny, by exempt transfer in accordance with the Stock Transfer Act 1982 and the relevant subordinate legislation. Transfers will be free of stamp duty.

5 On or after 9th June 1987 stock may be exchanged into bonds to bearer which will be available in denominations of £100, £200, £500, £1,000, £5,000, £10,000 and £50,000. Bonds will be *free of stamp duty.*

6 Stock will be interchangeable with bonds without payment of any fee.

7. Interest will be payable half-yearly on 9th June and 9th December. The first interest payment will be made on 9th June 1987 at the rate of £3.4135 per £100 of the Loan. Warrants for interest on stock will be transmitted by post, income tax will be deducted from payments of more than £5 per annum. Interest on bonds to bearer, less income tax, will be paid by coupon.

8. Stock and bonds of this issue and the interest payable thereon will be exempt from all United Kingdom taxation, present or future, so long as it is shown that the stock or bonds are in the beneficial ownership of persons who are neither domiciled nor ordinarily resident in the United *Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.*

9 Further, the interest payable on stock or bonds of this issue will be exempt from United Kingdom income tax, present or future, so long as it is shown that the stock or bonds are in the beneficial ownership of persons who are not ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

10 For the purposes of the preceding paragraphs persons are not ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom if they are regarded as not ordinarily resident for the purposes of United Kingdom income tax.

11 Applications for exemption from United Kingdom income tax should, in the case of interest on stock, be made in such form as may be required by the Commissioners of Inland Revenue. Bearer bond coupons will be paid without deduction of United Kingdom income tax if accompanied by a declaration of ownership in such form as may be required by the Commissioners of Inland Revenue. The appropriate forms may be obtained from the Inspector of Foreign Dividends, Inland Revenue, Lynwood Road, Thames Ditton, Surrey, KT7 0DP.

12. These exemptions will not entitle a person to claim repayment of tax deducted from interest unless the claim to such repayment is made within the time limit provided for such claims under income tax law, under the provisions of the Taxes Management Act 1970, Section 43 (1), no such claim will be outside this time limit if it is made within six years from the date on which the interest *is payable.* In addition, these exemptions will *not apply so as to exclude the interest from any* computation for taxation purposes of the profits of any trade or business carried on in the United Kingdom. Moreover, the allowance of the exemptions is subject to the provisions of any law, present or future, of the United Kingdom directed to preventing avoidance of taxation by persons domiciled, resident or ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom, and, in particular, the interest will not be exempt from income tax where, under any such provision, it falls to be treated for the purpose of the Income Tax Acts as income of any person resident or ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom.

13. Tenders must be lodged at the Bank of England, New Issues (N), Watling Street, London, EC4M 9AA not later than 10.00 A.M. ON WEDNESDAY, 7TH JANUARY 1987, or at any of the Branches of the Bank of England or at the Glasgow Agency of the Bank of England not later than *3.30 P.M. ON TUESDAY, 6TH JANUARY 1987.* Tenders will not be revocable between 10.00 a.m. on Wednesday, 7th January 1987 and 10.00 a.m. on Monday, 12th January 1987.

14. Each tender must be for one amount and at one price. The minimum price, below which tenders will not be accepted, is £98.00 per cent. Tenders must be made at the minimum price or at higher prices which are multiples of 5p. Tenders lodged without a price being stated will be deemed to have been made at the minimum price.

15. A separate cheque representing a deposit at the rate of £40.00 for every £100 of the NOMINAL amount of the Loan tendered for must accompany each tender: cheques must be drawn on a bank in, and be payable in, the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man.

16. Tenders must be for a minimum of £100 of the Loan and for multiples of the Loan as follows:—

Amount of the Loan tendered for	*Multiple*
£100—£1,000	£100
£1,000—£3,000	£500
£3,000—£10,000	£1,000
£10,000—£50,000	£5,000
£50,000 or greater	£25,000

17 Her Majesty's Treasury reserve the right to reject any tender or part of any tender and may therefore allot to tenderers less than the full amount of the Loan. Tenders will be ranked in descending order of price and allotments will be made to tenderers whose tenders are at or above the lowest price at which Her Majesty's Treasury decide that any tender should be accepted (the allotment price), which will be not less than the minimum tender price. All allotments will be made at the allotment price: tenders which are accepted and which are made at prices above the allotment price will be allotted in full, tenders made at the allotment price may be allotted in full or in part only. Any balance of the Loan not allotted to tenderers will be allotted at the allotment price to the Governor and Company of the Bank of England, Issue Department.

18 Letters of allotment in respect of the amount of the Loan allotted, being the only form in which the Loan (other than amounts held in the Central Gilts Office Service for the account of members) may be transferred prior to registration, will be despatched by post at the risk of the tenderer but the despatch of any letter of allotment, and any refund of the balance of the amount paid as deposit, may at the discretion of the Bank of England be withheld until the tenderer's cheque has been paid. In the event of such withholding, the tenderer will be notified by letter by the Bank of England of the acceptance of his tender and of the amount of the Loan allocated to him, subject in each case to payment of his cheque, but such notification will confer no right on the tenderer to transfer the amount of the Loan so allocated.

19 No allotment will be made for a less amount than £100 of the Loan. In the event of partial allotment, the balance of the amount paid as deposit will, when refunded, be remitted by cheque despatched by post at the risk of the tenderer; if no allotment is made the amount paid as deposit will be returned likewise. Payment in full may be made at any time after allotment but no discount will be allowed on such payment. Interest may be charged on a day-to-day basis on any overdue amount which may be accepted at a rate equal to the London Inter-Bank Offered Rate for seven day deposits in sterling ("LIBOR") plus 1 per cent per annum. Such rate will be determined by the Bank of England by reference to market quotations, on the due date for the relevant payment, for LIBOR obtained from such source or sources as the Bank of England shall consider appropriate. Default in due payment of any amount in respect of the Loan will render the allotment of such Loan liable to cancellation and any amount previously paid liable to forfeiture.

20 Letters of allotment may be split into denominations of multiples of £100 on written request received by the Bank of England, New Issues, Watling Street, London, EC4M 9AA on any date not later than 20th February 1987. Such requests must be signed and must be accompanied by the letters of allotment.

21. Members of the Central Gilts Office Service may, subject to the provisions of the agreement governing their membership of that Service, surrender a partly-paid letter of allotment to the Central Gilts Office for cancellation and for the amount of the Loan comprised therein to be credited to the member's account. The member who is shown by the accounts of the Central Gilts Office as being entitled to any amount of the Loan shall, to the exclusion of all persons previously entitled to such Loan and any person claiming any entitlement thereto, both be treated as entitled to such Loan as if that member were the holder of a letter of allotment and be liable for the payment of any amount due in respect of such Loan. A member will be entitled at any time prior to registration to withdraw, in multiples of £100, amounts of the Loan credited to the member's account and to obtain a partly-paid letter of allotment comprising such Loan, and such member shall be liable for the payment of all amounts becoming due thereafter in respect of such Loan unless and until that letter of allotment is surrendered to the Central Gilts Office for cancellation as aforesaid.

22. Letters of allotment must be surrendered for registration, accompanied by a completed registration form, when the balance of the purchase money is paid, unless payment in full has been made before the due date, in which case they must be surrendered for registration not later than 24th February 1987; registration of amounts of the Loan held for the account of members of the Central Gilts Office Service will be effected under separate arrangements.

23 Tender forms and copies of this prospectus may be obtained at the Bank of England, New Issues, Watling Street, London, EC4M 9AA, or at any of the Branches of the Bank of England, or at the Glasgow Agency of the Bank of England; at the Bank of Ireland, Moyne Buildings, 1st Floor, 20 Callender Street, Belfast, BT1 5BN; or at any office of The Stock Exchange in the United Kingdom.

Government statement

Attention is drawn to the statement issued by Her Majesty's Treasury on 29th May 1985 which explained that, in the interest of the orderly conduct of fiscal policy, neither Her Majesty's Government nor the Bank of England or their respective servants or agents undertake to disclose tax changes decided on but not yet announced, even where they may specifically affect the terms on which, or the conditions under which, the Loan is issued or sold by, or on behalf of the Government or the Bank; that no responsibility can therefore be accepted for any omission to make such disclosure, and that such omission shall neither render any transaction liable to be set aside nor give rise to any claim for compensation.

BANK OF ENGLAND
LONDON

2nd January 1987

THIS FORM MAY BE USED
TENDER FORM

This form must be lodged at the Bank of England, New Issues (N), Watling Street, London, EC4M 9AA not later than 10.00 A.M. ON WEDNESDAY, 7TH JANUARY 1987, or at any of the Branches of the Bank of England or at the Glasgow Agency of the Bank of England not later than 3.30 P.M. ON TUESDAY, 6TH JANUARY 1987.

ISSUE OF £1,250,000,000

10 per cent Treasury Loan, 1994

MINIMUM TENDER PRICE £98.00 PER CENT

TO THE GOVERNOR AND COMPANY OF THE BANK OF ENGLAND

I/We tender in accordance with the terms of the prospectus dated 2nd *January 1987 as follows:—*

Amount of the above-mentioned Loan tendered for, being a minimum of £100 and in a multiple as follows:—

Amount of the Loan tendered for	*Multiple*
£100—£1,000	£100
£1,000—£3,000	£500
£3,000—£10,000	£1,000
£10,000—£50,000	£5,000
£50,000 or greater	£25,000

1 NOMINAL AMOUNT OF THE LOAN
£

Amount of deposit enclosed, being £40.00 for every £100 of the NOMINAL amount of the Loan tendered for (shown in Box 1 above):—

2. AMOUNT OF DEPOSIT (a)
£

The price tendered per £100 of the Loan, being a multiple of 5p and not less than the minimum tender price of £98.00:—

3. TENDER PRICE (b)
£ : p

I/We hereby engage to pay the balance of the purchase money when it becomes due on any allotment that may be made in respect of this tender, as provided by the said prospectus.

I/We request that any letter of allotment in respect of the amount of the Loan allotted to me/us be sent by post at my/our risk to me/us at the address shown below.

__________ January 1987

SIGNATURE ____________
of, or on behalf of, tenderer

PLEASE USE BLOCK LETTERS T1

MR/MRS MISS	FORENAME(S) IN FULL	SURNAME
FULL POSTAL ADDRESS —		
POST-TOWN	COUNTY	POSTCODE

a A separate cheque must accompany each tender. Cheques should be made payable to "Bank of England" and crossed "New Issues". Cheques must be drawn on a bank in, and be payable in, the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man.

b The price tendered must be a multiple of 5p and not less than the minimum tender price. If no price is stated, the tender will be deemed to have been made at the minimum tender price. Each tender must be for one amount and at one price.

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
65.5m	Ailsa	129	+1	3.6	2.8	25.2
438.4m	Alliance	866	-1	31.8	3.7	41.4
115.8m	Amer Trust	141	-9	4.4	3.1	39.3
227.2m	Ang Amer Sec	396	-2	8.9	2.2	62.7
134.8m	Atlantic Assets	110	-1	0.9	0.8	84.0
106.0m	Bankers	137	..	4.4b	3.2	47.2
84.5m	Berry	287	+3	1.6	0.6	..
247.8m	Br Assets	64½	●-1¼	2.9	4.5	29.5
50.5m	Br Empire Sec	38	-½	0.9	2.4	58.4
288.2m	Br Inv	478	● ..	22.6	4.7	30.7
67.2m	Brunner	105	-½	3.5	3.3	42.3
138.0m	Cont'l & Ind	803	-7	31.4	3.9	34.8
81.1m	Crescent Japan	241	-6	0.5	0.2	..
17.2m	Derby Inc	148	..	12.8	8.6	17.4
28.2m	Do Cap	164	..	..	..	..
126.8m	Drayton Cons	375	+2	15.4	4.1	34.8
84.1m	Drayton Far East	203	-1	1.6	0.8	..
184.4m	Drayton Japan	663	-8	1.4e	0.2	..
36.7m	Dundee Lon	219	+4	8.6	3.9	39.0
87.8m	Edin Amer Asset	111	-2	0.9	0.8	66.7
455.3m	Edinburgh	159	+½	5.3b	3.3	48.8
76.8m	Electric Gen	425	●+2	6.6	1.6	71.2
38.1m	English Int	175	+2	5.5	3.1	48.9
82.9m	English Scot	104	-1	2.0	1.9	63.0
217.7m	Ensign	75	●+1	1.3	1.7	73.5
57.5m	F & C Alliance	129	●+1	2.7	2.1	67.9
122.0m	F & C Pacific	230	..	2.1	0.9	88.5
9,750,000	First Charlotte	13	+¼	0.1	0.8	..
107.8m	First Scot Amer	340	+3	15.0	4.4	32.8
94.4m	Fleming American	571	-8	8.2	1.4	93.8
40.0m	Fleming Claver	209	+2	7.4	3.7	38.5
32.1m	Fleming Enterprise	321	..	12.9	4.0	38.0
229.8m	Fleming Far East	162	+½	1.4	0.9	..
17.9m	Fleming Fledgling	143	..	3.6	2.5	65.2
23.3m	Fleming Japan	152	-2	2.4	1.6	71.0
249.9m	Fleming Mercantile	173	..	5.5	3.2	44.7
229.8m	Fleming Overseas	173	-2	3.9	2.3	65.6
63.1m	Fleming Tech	160	+1	3.3	2.1	..
101.1m	Fleming Universal	155	..	2.1b	1.4	73.6
575.4m	For Col	109½	+1	2.4b	2.2	74.0
73.4m	GBC Capital	101	..	..	..	..
72.9m	GT Japan	246	..	2.0	0.8	..
67.7m	General Funds	214	..	2.9	1.4	..
61.6m	General Cons	330	+2	17.9b	5.4	29.0
58.8m	Glasgow Stock	177	-2	3.4	1.9	72.2
673.6m	Globe	129½	●+1½	5.3	4.1	33.3
119.9m	Govett Atlantic	148	●-1	4.3b	2.9	44.2
234.5m	Govett Oriental	261	-3	3.3	1.3	..
266.0m	Govett Strategy	271	● ..	5.4	2.0	67.6
34.7m	Greenfriar	432	..	2.4	0.6	..
12.7m	Gresham House	310	..	8.4	2.7	38.3
114.2m	Hambros	214	●+1	6.4	3.0	47.2
81.0m	India Fund	108	..	..	..	..
54.1m	Invest in Success	685	..	8.2	0.9	..
178.8m	Inv Cap	286	+4	17.1b	6.0	26.7
38.7m	Ivory & Sime	158	● ..	7.1	4.5	21.6
40.8m	Japan Assets	66½	-½	0.7	1.1	..
69.1m	Kleinwort Charter	110	..	3.7	3.4	41.4
122.7m	Kleinwort O'seas	153	-3	3.6	2.4	..
13.8m	Kleinwort Smaller	310	..	12.0	3.9	..
58.9m	Law Debenture	260	..	9.0	3.5	31.5
107.0m	Lon Merchant Sec	87	●+9	3.7	4.3	13.8
52.2m	Lon Trust	57	..	1.1e	1.9	82.6
134.0m	Merchants	131	-½	6.4b	4.9	34.6
2,541.2m	Merrill Lynch	£24⅝	-1⅛	..	..	..
186.9m	Monks	241	● ..	3.7b	1.5	90.9
134.7m	Murray Income	184	● ..	9.6b	5.2	30.4
217.4m	Murray Ind	182	+1	7.1n	3.9	35.7
105.1m	Murray Small	378	●-2	4.0	1.1	..
46.5m	Murray Venture	224	●-3	7.1b	3.2	51.0
24.5m	New Court	491	+1	22.5	4.6	28.9
7,001,000	New Darien Oil	70	+4	0.9e	1.3	78.9
87.8m	1928	241	+1	5.7	2.4	46.9
24.9m	Nwthrog Inc 83	63	● ..	4.8b	7.6	17.8
54.7m	New Tokyo	260	-2	1.1e	0.4	..
86.4m	Nth Atlantic Sec	373	-2	4.9	1.3	..
3,600,000	Nth Sea Assets	30	+1	..	..	8.9
142.1m	Nthn Amer	424	●-3	7.7	1.8	..
13.8m	Pacific Assets	114	+½	1.0	0.9	..
—	Do Wrnts	51	+1	..	..	..
6,122,000	Personal Assets	41	..	0.5	1.2	..
119.0m	Raeburn	445	-1	17.1	3.8	45.1
92.8m	River & Merc	193	-1	8.6b	4.5	35.5
45.8m	River Plate	292	+3	12.4	4.2	33.8
—	Robeco	280	-6	..	..	..
—	Rolinco	254	-7	..	..	..
109.4m	Romney	383	..	7.1	1.9	58.7
3,076.0m	Rorento	£15⅝	..	..	..	..
54.0m	St Andrews	159	+1	4.6b	2.9	54.1
347.3m	Scottish	410	● ..	9.4	2.3	62.8
259.5m	Scot American	86	●-1	2.6b	3.0	56.6
270.3m	Scot Eastern	128	-½	2.9	2.3	67.0
15.3m	Scot Merc 'A'	96	..	6.4	6.7	..
414.8m	Scot Mtge	575	-6	12.6	2.2	62.0
207.2m	Scot Nat	328	..	7.6	2.3	56.0
146.5m	Second Alliance	758	+1	26.4	3.5	37.4
152.1m	Secs Tst of Scotlnd	95	+½	4.3b	4.5	34.9
38.6m	Smaller Cos	88	-½	2.0	2.3	60.1
31.0m	TR Australia	114	● ..	3.3	2.9	34.0
80.2m	TR City Of Lon Dfd	82	..	3.1b	5.0	28.1
468.1m	TR Ind & Gen	173	..	4.8b	2.8	48.9
83.1m	TR Natural Res	140	● ..	5.9	4.2	30.0
84.0m	TR North America	109	●-2	2.6b	2.6	50.8
142.5m	TR Pacific Basin	207	-1	1.4	0.7	..
93.3m	TR Property	72	●+1	1.9	2.6	49.0
257.8m	TR Tech	116	●-1	2.6	2.2	68.1
167.5m	TR Trustees	185	..	5.7	3.2	47.9
97.2m	Temple Bar	170	+1	8.1b	4.8	29.7
175.4m	Throgmorton	315	+1	11.9b	3.7	38.2
—	Throg Dual	275	..	..	..	..
66.7m	Trans Oceanic	224	●+1	6.1	2.7	49.7
83.5m	Tribune	163	+2	4.0	2.5	48.7
20.4m	Triplevest Inc	86	● ..	17.1	20.1	7.7
224.3m	US Debenture	335	-1	9.3	2.8	46.1
6,637,000	Value Inc Tst	42	●+2	1.8b	4.3	..
17.2m	Viking Resources	43	..	2.9	6.7	21.2
65.0m	Westpool	66	●+4	2.3	3.5	32.5
395.3m	Witan	116	●+1½	2.6b	2.2	65.9

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
8,494.9m	American Express	$36⅝	●-2⅛	..	..	..
18.6m	Argyle	88	..	1.4	1.6	47.1
11.2m	Boustead	38	+2	..	..	61.1
322.9m	Britannia Arrow	144	..	6.0	4.2	18.8
129.6m	Daily Mail	526	-2	70.0	2.7	18.3
114.7m	Do 'A'	528	-1	70.0	3.0	16.2
236.3m	Electra	158	● ..	5.9	3.7	38.5
37.4m	Eng Trust	179	..	4.3	2.4	19.8
630.0m	Exco	289	-6	7.1	2.6	17.2
13.8m	Exploration	115	● ..	3.3	2.9	14.8
44.4m	Framlington	768	..	12.9	1.7	20.1
18.0m	Frost Gp	128	●+7	7.1	5.5	13.8
97.3m	GT Management	201	+1	4.3	2.1	15.1
49.4m	Goode (D & M)	205	..	2.5n	1.2	32.2
200.1m	Henderson Admin	903	●-5	22.1	2.3	19.0
90.1m	ICH	186	●+3	12.8	6.6	8.7
349.2m	MAI	452	+4	25.0	5.5	9.1
200.5m	M & G	268	..	6.1	2.3	32.6
234.8m	Mercantile House	298	-3	20.0	6.7	5.7
68.8m	Pacific Inv Tst	137	+2	0.5	0.4	..
—	Do Warrants	43	-1	..	..	..
41.4m	Smith New Court	151	●-3	10.0	6.6	7.4

UNLISTED SECURITIES

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
8,369,000	A & M Gp	14	..	0.6e	4.5	20.0
4,764,000	ATA Selection	51	●-1	2.1	4.1	13.7
9,105,000	Abbeycrest	139	●+2	3.6	2.6	19.6
5,760,000	Aberdeen Stk Hse	48	-3	1.7e	3.5	13.4
—	Access Satellite	..	..	4.6f	..	..
31.8m	Acorn Comp	48	-2	..	..	3.4
972,000	Acsis Jewellery	18	-1	..	..	9.6
3,750,000	Adam Leisure	15	..	..	..	1.9
8,137,000	Airspring	101	● ..	8.1	8.0	..
25.6m	Anglia Secure Hms	280	+8	2.3	0.8	33.5
6,627,000	Antler	113	-1	..	..	..
7,875,000	Appletree	150	..	2.9	1.9	14.4
38.0m	App Holographics	380	+3	..	..	..
—	Do Wrnts	310	..	..	..	..
9,815,000	Ashtead	151	+1	4.3	2.8	15.8
30.3m	Aspen Comms	318	..	4.4	1.4	33.1
56.1m	Aspinall	108	+3	8.6	8.0	13.3
101.6m	Asprey	575	● ..	14.3	2.5	15.5
2,146,000	Assoc Energy	31	..	..	..	7.7
12.1m	ASD	170	..	11.4	6.7	7.3
12.2m	Atlas Equipment	151	..	7.0	4.6	13.7
5,134,000	Automagic	90	..	8.6	9.6	15.8
5,481,000	BBB Design	67	..	1.4	2.1	18.1
13.1m	BCE	47	+1	..	..	..
6,453,000	BPP	204	-1	7.1	3.5	16.7
3,757,000	BTS Grp	73	..	5.7	7.8	8.6
5,036,000	Bedford (William)	106	..	6.4	6.0	9.8
24.4m	Bennett & Fountain	24½	●+½	0.7	2.9	20.8
3,765,000	Beesons Crisps	51	+6	..	..	14.3
22.2m	Berkeley & Hay	17½	..	..	..	30.2
15.3m	Berkeley Exp	63	..	..	..	8.6
3,943,000	Bilston&Battersea	141	..	..	..	..
1,830,000	Bio Isolates	16	..	..	..	..
2,004,000	Biomechanics	24	..	..	..	..
7,700,000	Bipel	38½	..	1.8	4.7	9.6
5,700,000	Blanchards	114	● ..	6.4	5.6	12.4
8,333,000	Blenheim Exhib	153	..	3.0	2.0	28.5
17.2m	Bluebird Toys	290	-1	5.0	1.7	22.4
—	Border TV	51	+12	..	..	..
65.6m	Borland	132	●-2	..	..	..
3,585,000	Brewmaker	20	..	1.1	5.5	10.8
5,489,000	Bricom	101	● ..	6.0	5.9	8.2
5,824,000	Br Bloodstock	170	-6	12.6	7.4	8.0
9,180,000	Br Island	51	..	4.0	7.8	9.3
9,975,000	Broad St	43	-2	1.6	3.7	..
15.8m	Brookmount	333	● ..	5.0	1.5	19.2
11.5m	Brown (Charlie)	198	●+6	4.3	2.2	22.1
5,486,000	Bryant (Derek)	225	..	11.8b	5.2	8.0
—	Bula Resources	3¼	..	..	..	..
3,214,000	CCA Galleries	78	-3	3.4	4.4	11.8
13.7m	CML Micro	160	..	2.6	1.6	18.4
6,971,000	CPU Comp	43	+6	..	..	25.7
18.4m	CVD	155	● ..	..	..	..
—	Caledonian Off	140	..	..	..	..
3,250,000	Camtech	65	..	2.9	4.5	13.3
47.0m	Cannon Street Inv	201	..	5.6	1.8	29.9
10.7m	Cap & Regional	86	-1	..	..	..
19.0m	Chancery Secs	140	●+3	4.7	3.4	15.6
6,400,000	Checkpoint Europe	160	+5	..	..	14.0
15.8m	Chelsea Man	145	●-2	2.3	1.6	24.0
469,000	Chem Methods	13½	+3	3.0	22.2	..
13.8m	Cheshire W	273	●+6	5.2	1.9	29.1
3,975,000	Cifer	25½	+4½	..	..	85.0
6,972,000	Citygrove	101	..	3.6	3.6	16.4
5,371,000	Cityvision	50	+6	..	..	..
1,890,000	Cityvision 7%	900	+150	..	..	..
5,017,000	Clearprint	95	..	1.8	1.9	10.9
10.0m	Clarke Hooper	149	-3	3.3	2.4	18.9
6,640,000	Clogau Gold	30	..	..	..	..
24.4m	Cliff Oil Hdgs	58	+8	..	..	..
28.1m	Coated Electrodes	115	● ..	5.6	4.9	13.4
18.9m	Cobra Emerald	80	..	..	..	..
15.3m	Collins	166	+1	3.9	2.3	18.2
3,111,000	Colorgen Inc	28	+2	..	..	..
6,323,000	Comp Financial	163	+2	3.3	2.0	30.0
2,886,000	Compsoft	28	..	..	..	6.4
16.7m	Consultants	166	+2	1.8	1.1	32.3
2,026,000	Cons Tem Invs	40	..	7.1e	17.8	28.8
6,389,000	Conti Microwave	165	..	3.2	1.9	19.4
7,350,000	Cowells	100	..	3.7	3.7	13.9
9,840,000	CPM	95	..	2.5	2.6	14.2
5,968,000	Cramphorn	413	-6	8.8	2.1	19.0
4,840,000	Cranbrook	56	+3	0.7e	1.2	15.3
5,208,000	Cranswick	93	● ..	6.4	6.9	8.1
4,979,000	Craton Lodge	88	● ..	3.1	3.5	13.8
6,527,000	Creighton Labs	178	●+11	5.3	3.0	21.7
6,749,000	Crown TV Prods	71	..	..	..	..
9,024,000	Crusts	141	●+1	1.5	1.1	18.7
4,217,000	DBE Tech	46	..	..	..	41.7
4,114,000	DJ Sec Alarms	96	+5	2.1	2.2	7.8
6,400,000	Datron	58	●-2	1.4	2.5	9.6
9,947,000	Davies (DV)	195	-2	4.9	2.5	21.8
4,685,000	Dean & Bowes	72	-1	2.9	4.0	17.8
2,000,000	De Brett (Andre)	27	+½	0.4	1.6	12.5
14.5m	Debtor	173	+2	5.7	3.3	..
2,613,000	Delmar	48	-1	2.9	6.0	9.5
18.4m	Dencora	115	..	2.9	2.5	15.9
3,494,000	Denmans Elec	65	..	5.4	8.4	5.4
2,913,000	Dewey Warren	68	..	10.7e	15.7	4.6
10.7m	Dialene	283	+3	4.3	1.5	13.4
29.9m	Druck	475	..	6.3	1.3	22.8
4,553,000	Dunton	34½	+1	0.6	2.4	28.5
5,108,000	Eadie	57	+9	2.5	4.4	17.6
13.1m	Ealing Elect Optics	125	..	3.1	2.5	21.7
1,744,000	Ecobric	20	..	0.4e	2.0	14.9
38.7m	Edin Fund	265	..	9.3	3.5	15.6
4,132,000	Edin Oil & Gas	31	+2	..	..	77.5
31.3m	Eldridge Pope 'A'	410	-3	10.0	2.4	16.5
10.5m	Electron House	123	●-3	4.9	4.0	16.1
9,028,000	Electronic Data P	108	+2	2.5	2.4	12.3
20.9m	Ennex	39	..	..	..	..
1,214,000	Entertainment Prod	17	+6	..	..	7.8
17.8m	Equip	250	..	7.1	2.8	20.9
10.4m	Eve Construction	112	+1	6.4	5.7	12.7
32.4m	FII	375	..	..	..	..
21.5m	FKB Gp	240	..	3.8	1.6	25.7
13.1m	F & H Group	140	+2	..	..	..
5,743,000	Feedback	68	●+2	1.8	2.8	24.5
4,310,000	Fergebrook	17	-1	..	..	1.4
198.5m	Fields (Mrs)	131	+3	..	..	..
3,555,000	Fletcher Dennys	53	..	3.6	6.8	12.3
9,748,000	Flextech	46	..	..	..	6.1
47.9m	Flogas	274	-2	25.6	9.3	..
7,890,000	Floyd Oil	41	+1	..	..	16.8
7,251,000	Ford & Weston	82	+2	4.3	5.2	9.8
28.1m	French Conn	178	● ..	7.5	4.2	11.6
65.3m	Freshbake	118	●+9	2.9	2.5	19.7
40.8m	Fuller Smith 'A'	340	● ..	6.3	1.9	17.7
10.2m	Gabbicci	128	+2	4.3	3.4	15.0
7,182,000	Gee (Cecil)	82	..	3.7	4.5	..
3,080,000	Geo/Rosen	44	● ..	2.4	5.5	13.3
3,720,000	Gibbon Lyons	93	● ..	5.2	5.6	16.0
12.9m	Gibbs Mew	255	+32	8.7	2.4	25.8
24.4m	Gilbert House	85	+4	..	..	..
1,920,000	Global Gp	48	..	3.9	8.1	7.6
5,613,000	Godwin Warren	116	+9	3.1	2.7	16.5
13.8m	Goodhead Print	180	..	4.8	2.9	16.8
2,866,000	Gould (Laurence)	140	+2	5.3	3.8	11.3
9,520,000	Granyte Surface	68	●+2	3.0	4.4	11.9
15.8m	Great Southern	161	+2	7.4	4.6	13.8
12.1m	Green (Ernest)	165	-3	4.9	3.0	15.8
1,750,000	Greenwich Cable	35	-1	..	..	..
18.2m	Grosvenor Sq	131	+3	8.6	6.6	10.5
1,263,000	Guernsey Atlantic	190	..	3.5	1.8	55.9
10.6m	Halls Gomes & Gdns	105	..	4.0	3.8	11.6
10.6m	Halls Homes & Gdns	105	..	4.0	3.8	11.6
8,263,000	Hampden Homecare	83	..	2.1	2.5	13.8
3,368,000	Harmony Leisure	26	-1	0.1	0.4	21.0
11.4m	Harvey & Thomp	305	..	8.6	2.8	20.1
30.3m	Havelock Europa	258	● ..	7.0	2.8	23.7
5,728,000	Health Care	47	-1	1.1	2.3	18.7
2,482,000	Heavitree	462	+2	12.8	2.7	18.1
4,432,000	Do 'A' LV	410	+5	12.8	3.0	16.1
—	Henderson Prime	150	..	..	..	..
7,505,000	High-Point	158	+8	2.5	1.6	19.6
3,581,000	Highland Part	87	..	..	..	..
8,271,000	Hills Ergonom	73	●+2	2.0	2.7	11.7
7,695,000	Hobson	48½	+2	..	..	..
14.9m	Hodgson	177	+18	3.0	1.8	26.5
7,344,000	Holden Hydroman	190	●-3	4.6	2.4	24.4
—	Holmes Protection	124	●-1	..	..	..
6,268,000	Hornby	108	+2	4.8	4.6	11.7
13.4m	Hughes Food	32	+½	0.7	2.2	25.0
3,408,000	Humbrol Elec	14½	+3½	..	..	14.5
26.8m	Hunter Saphir	173	●+1	3.9	2.3	22.6
13.5m	Huntleigh Tech	160	● ..	2.1	1.3	19.3
6,967,000	INSTEM	155	-2	3.6	2.3	13.3
3,360,000	Imtec	21	+2	..	..	2.8
18.3m	Ind Scot Energy	86	..	..	..	10.2
4,656,000	IntaRed	71	..	..	..	..
12.4m	Intereuropa Tech	248	-10	8.3	3.3	12.4
33.8m	Interlink Express	209	+1	..	..	..
13.0m	Israel (Jack L)	19½	..	0.7b	3.6	15.1
51.9m	JS Pathology	435	● ..	4.0	0.9	39.8
17.7m	Jaques Vert	186	+12	7.9	4.1	17.2
1,280,000	Jebsens	8	..	..	..	0.3
7,689,000	Johnsen & Jorg	117	●+1	6.0	5.1	13.3
7,580,000	Johnson Fry	160	+2	7.5	4.7	14.0
12.1m	Johnstones Paints	118	+3	6.1b	5.2	12.9
5,550,000	Just Rubber	74	●+5	2.6	3.5	12.3
15.9m	KLP	260	..	4.7	1.8	14.1
9,800,000	Kent (John)	80	+1	2.1	2.6	13.5
7,531,000	Kenyon Secs	335	+16	14.9	4.4	16.2
3,546,000	Kewill Systems	63	..	1.7	2.7	9.3
9,353,000	Klark-Teknik	63	+1	1.6	2.5	16.0
6,204,000	LPA Ind	95	-1	3.9	4.1	9.4
7,085,000	Laidlaw	83	..	4.1	4.9	10.3
5,640,000	Laidlaw Thomson	106	● ..	5.5	5.2	12.9
25.3m	Lewmar	108	●-4	3.6	3.4	13.1
14.9m	Local Lon Gp	305	●+5	5.0	1.6	34.3
7,269,000	Lodge Care	118	-2	2.9	2.5	24.6
11.1m	Lon & Clydeside	123	+5	8.0	6.5	11.1
6,970,000	Lorin Elect	169	●+3	3.6b	2.1	14.7
5,153,000	Lysander Pet	32	..	..	..	..
9,072,000	M6 Cash & Carry	106	+6	5.1	4.7	..
14.6m	MIL Research	146	+1	4.3	2.9	14.2
6,260,000	MMT Comp	313	●+3	7.1	2.3	14.0
4,858,000	McLaughlin & Har	120	..	10.0	8.3	6.9
12.2m	Magnetic Materials	70	..	2.7	3.9	9.6
3,168,000	Mallnest	128	●+6	1.4	1.1	40.1
5,983,000	Marina Dev	60	-1	..	..	..
12.6m	Martin (Ronald)	135	● ..	4.7	3.0	20.9
2,800,000	Maxiprint	38	+10	..	..	..
—	Mayborn	108	-2	4.8	4.3	11.0
14.1m	Mayfair City	119	+3	4.3	3.6	20.0
11.8m	Media Tech	106	●+3	4.0	3.8	8.1
3,664,000	Mellerware	69	● ..	4.4	6.4	16.2
4,719,000	Memory Comp	19	..	28.2	..	3.1
1,110,000	Memcom Intl Hldgs	18	-1	..	..	1.2
18.7m	Mentmore-Swain	170	..	3.6	2.1	18.0
14.6m	Merrydown Wine	335	●+1	7.1	2.0	24.0
10.5m	Metal Bulletin	120	..	6.3	5.3	16.9
9,750,000	Metsec	78	-2	3.7	4.7	11.4
5,775,000	Michael (John)	70	● ..	1.9	2.7	17.0
4,780,000	Microlease	140	-1	5.7	4.1	11.5
10.0m	Microvitec	37	-1	1.8	4.9	16.2
21.1m	Midsummer Leisure	450	● ..	5.7	1.3	..
6,168,000	Miller & Santhouse	168	..	3.2	1.9	21.4
10.5m	Millward Brown	158	●-2	3.2	2.0	34.4
3,510,000	Miss World	180	+5	7.9	4.4	9.5
—	Moneyco	..	..	..	..	..
6,281,000	Moorgate Gp	100	+4	2.0	2.0	19.5
15.0m	Morris & Crane	114	●-2	3.3	2.9	14.3
23.3m	Monotype	127	+1	6.3	5.0	..
1,913,000	Morley (RH)	51	-2	2.5e	4.9	14.2
4,840,000	Morris (William)	15½	-½	..	..	8.2
3,230,000	Moss Advertising	85	-6	2.9	3.4	26.6
12.6m	Musterlin	387	● ..	4.3	2.3	18.2
14.7m	NMW Comp	219	●-2	8.6	3.9	11.2
25.4m	New Ct Nat Res	5¼	..	..	..	1.8
—	Do Wrnts	3	..	..	..	..
6,516,000	New England Props	25	-1	..	..	12.0
825,000	Do 10%	275	● ..	1000	13.3	..
9,325,000	Newage Trans	71	+1	5.0	7.0	6.0
10.9m	Nimslo	10	..	..	..	..
6,101,000	Norank	123	-5	4.3	3.5	16.9
5,543,000	Norbain	80	+22	1.0	1.3	8.7
10.1m	Norscot Hotels	178	..	3.6	2.0	18.5
6,264,000	Nth Sea & Gen	24	+1	..	..	4.8
6,780,000	Northumbrian Fine	80	-1	2.4	2.7	23.1
1,995,000	Oakfield Inspec	28	-6	2.9e	10.4	4.2
—	Optometrics	23½	..	..	..	..
20.7m	Osborne & Little	266	● ..	4.7	1.8	28.5
24.1m	Owners Abroad	42	+1½	2.1	5.0	11.9
6,191,000	PCT	117	..	4.6	3.9	13.3
7,371,000	Pacer Systems	165	-8	..	..	..
2,250,000	Pacific Sales	45	..	4.3	8.0	10.8
4,840,000	Pantherella	121	●+3	5.3	4.4	11.1
60.1m	Parkfield Gp	200	+6	..	..	..
3,864,000	Paul M Lois	50	-2	..	..	22.0
23.8m	Pavion	25	+3	..	..	4.5
43.0m	Pepe Group	183	+3	4.7	2.6	17.5
11.4m	Pericom	153	-3	3.6	2.4	10.9
3,840,000	Perkins (J)	40	+6	1.7	4.3	9.7
6,583,000	Personal Computer	131	+8	4.3	3.3	13.4
9,919,000	Peters (Michael)	140	..	3.7	2.6	23.6
2,310,000	Peragon	21	+1	..	..	..
2,662,000	Piccadilly Radio	34	+1	2.9	8.5	10.6
2,712,000	Pict Pet	32	+6	..	..	4.4
8,186,000	Pineapple	74	+2	..	..	..
3,312,600	Plasmec	72	+1	1.0	1.4	8.9
7,197,000	Platon	175	-4	4.5	2.6	22.8
—	Plzm Hldgs	113	..	..	..	..
9,450,000	Polytech Marine	108	-4	..	..	..
11.9m	Powerline	98	● ..	2.9	3.0	13.2
5,913,000	Prontaprint	81	+3	3.6	4.4	9.8
9,396,000	Quarto	130	..	..	..	..
8,753,000	Quested	218	-2	6.3	2.9	14.7
15.4m	Radamec	103	+2	..	..	..
946,000	Radio City 'A'	43	+1	..	..	8.4
3,314,000	Radio Clyde	58	●+1	5.0	8.6	10.2
10.6m	Radius	108	..	1.4	1.3	18.2
3,200,000	Ramco Oil	19	+1	..	..	4.6
5,092,000	Ranco	115	+4	7.7	6.7	8.8
6,359,000	Raedsworth	78	+18	0.4	0.5	..
4,080,000	Real Time Control	38	..	2.9	5.0	18.7
1,273,000	Reliant Motor	23	-1	..	..	19.7
45.3m	Rivlin	125	+4	0.1	0.1	..
6,437,000	Rockwood	63	-2	..	..	..
2,798,000	Rolfe & Nolan	108	●+6	2.9	2.7	46.8
7,230,000	Rotunda	100	+2	4.3	4.3	12.1
11.4m	Ryman	121	+1	..	..	..
19.9m	SAC	152	●+1½	2.9	1.9	18.7
10.5m	Sangers Photo	83	● ..	3.2	3.9	24.0
5,166,000	Sapphire Pet	34	+6	..	..	3.2
11.0m	Savage	127	..	4.3	3.4	18.2
1,223,000	Scanro	99	..	5.7	5.8	8.1
12.0m	Scantronic	111	● ..	2.5	2.3	18.3
48.9m	Scot Heritable	148	+3	5.4	3.6	12.9
9,768,000	Securiguard	141	+5	3.9	2.8	26.1
2,058,000	SelecTV	15	+¼	..	..	..
20.7m	Share Drug Strs	220	● ..	3.4	1.5	28.2
4,396,000	Sheldon Jones	95	..	6.6	7.0	9.9
9,180,000	Sherwood Comp	335	..	4.6	1.3	30.7
13.9m	Shield	170	+6	2.9	1.7	28.3
5,080,000	Sigmex	60	..	0.6	1.3	21.1
4,462,000	Sims Catering	120	● ..	5.7	4.8	14.7
12.2m	Sinclair (William)	210	●+2	7.3	3.5	17.8
10.7m	Smallbone	198	+2	8.1	2.6	18.0
11.7m	Snowdon Bridge	178	..	1.4b	0.8	27.0
4,000,000	Soundtracks	40	-1	1.7	4.3	11.9
27.2m	Stan Bus	176	+1	4.5	2.4	19.1
6,772,000	SW Resources	13	+1	..	..	5.2
5,150,000	Space Planning	103	..	2.6	2.6	18.6
21.2m	Spandex	280	+13	..	..	..
4,085,000	Spectra Auto	73	●+7	3.7	5.1	11.5
2,423,000	Spectrum	21	..	..	..	2.3
7,905,000	Spice	102	● ..	4.0	3.9	8.4
2,900,000	Splash	56	..	4.7	6.1	9.5
9,700,000	Stainless Metal	194	-8	6.0	3.1	27.7
12.3m	Sterling Pub	88	..	2.9b	3.3	18.8
10.6m	Stonleigh Elect	29	●+2	0.2	0.7	59.2
9,450,000	Sutherland (ET)	63	+2	4.6	7.4	13.9
1,690,000	Swindon Pr Hosp	120	..	..	..	55.6
6,162,000	Synapse Comp	280	..	3.1	1.2	21.7
19.6m	T & S Stores	246	+1	4.6	1.8	26.3
8,120,000	TDS Circuits	116	-2	2.9e	2.5	9.0
6,227,000	TMD Advert	119	..	2.9	2.4	15.3
18.6m	TSB Chan Islands	113	+5	..	..	..
5,795,000	Task Force	108	-2	2.5	2.4	15.6
11.8m	Tay Homes	223	+7	7.5	3.4	10.4
3,047,000	Tech For Bus	76	..	7.7	10.3	7.5
10.8m	Tech Comp	286	-5	4.6	1.6	38.4
5,082,000	Telecomputing	170	-5	2.1	1.2	18.8
8,127,000	Tel Serv Int	71	●-5	3.1	4.4	22.8
18.9m	Thermax	146	+8	7.1	4.9	15.9
55.3m	Therm Scientific	225	● ..	3.8	1.7	20.4
17.9m	Thorpac	215	●-5	3.6	1.7	30.9
3,111,000	Tinsley (Eliza)	44	● ..	4.1	9.3	8.5
12.2m	Tod (W&J)	146	..	4.7	3.2	10.5
1,654,000	Towngrade Sec	35	..	..	..	65.6
11.2m	Trade Promotion	188	-3	6.2	3.2	18.1
45.4m	Trenchwood	468	..	7.5	1.6	23.1
16.7m	Trilon	80	+2	1.6	2.0	17.0
12.0m	Tyne Tees 'A'	251	+1	19.5	7.8	6.4
2,799,000	Utd Ceramic	113	..	5.4	4.8	19.0
87.2m	Utd Friendly	545	..	26.9	4.6	..
4,789,000	Utd Packaging	113	+2	4.6	4.1	8.5
11.7m	Utd Tst Credit	480	●-8	20.0	4.2	..
7,961,000	Usher (Frank)	115	●-3	6.4	5.6	13.7
6,398,000	Viewplan	38	●-1	1.2	3.1	24.8
6,858,000	Wayne Kerr	56	..	2.2	3.6	7.4
4,873,000	Webber Electro	105	● ..	3.3	3.1	13.2
3,608,000	Wetpac	20	..	0.4	2.0	13.7
4,070,000	West Yorkshire	96	● ..	5.7	5.9	13.0
7,420,000	Whitney Mackay	186	..	5.7	3.4	13.7
61.3m	Wickes	188	●-1	3.6	1.9	22.7
4,700,000	Wilkins Syst	10½	+½	..	..	47.7
2,055,000	Wilson (Rex) Hldgs	18½	-½	1.3	7.0	14.9
121.2m	Wingate	335	..	2.7	0.8	51.5
8,820,000	Wolff	40	+6	0.8	2.3	35.7
7,900,000	Woolons Baker	79	+1	..	..	..
12.5m	Worcester	275	● ..	7.9	2.9	28.9
11.4m	Wld of Leather	143	-2	3.6	2.5	15.4
11.2m	Wyko	84	-1	3.7	5.8	9.7
—	Xylyx	..	..	..	..	..
14.5m	Yellowhammer	140	● ..	2.3	1.8	30.5
4,030,000	Yelverton	42	..	..	..	..
5,104,000	York Mount	55	-2	2.4	4.1	28.9
20.9m	York Tst Gp	85	..	..	..	..
1,200,000	Do 8%	£160	..	800	8.0	..
2,800,000	Zygal Dynamics	55	-8	0.7	1.3	7.6

ANALYSIS

Landlocked freeports wait for Government to change rules

Liverpool's bustling port: successful example of the freeport concept in action

The experience of the British freeport has not been a happy one. It is now three years since the Government designated the six experimental free trade zones but any mid-term assessment would have to conclude that the venture has been, at best, a limited success.

The freeport at Prestwick recently suspended operations; Cardiff has yet to begin operating; Belfast still has only one customer; and Birmingham opened recently with just one client. Only Southampton and Liverpool can claim to have proved that free trade zones can work.

When freeports were introduced it was hoped that they would stimulate both entrepôt trade and inward investment by *foreign manufacturing* companies. Foreign businesses would be attracted to areas treated as outside British territory for duty and customs purposes. In particular, the bureaucracy involved in importing and exporting would, in theory, be less burdensome within a free trade zone. It was also thought *sensible for Britain* to compete with the thriving Continental freeports, for instance at Hamburg and Rotterdam.

That the practice has not lived up to the theory suggests one of two problems. Either there is a flaw in the freeport concept or Britain has made mistakes in implementing the scheme.

From the very beginning of the five-year experiment there were the doubters. The initial choice of locations always appeared to be more of an exercise in geographical egalitarianism than a sound judgement of modern patterns of international trade. Many of the more affluent ports in the South and South-east were rejected in favour of spreading the freeports throughout the country.

More seriously, neither the Treasury nor Customs and Excise was enthusiastic about freeports. Over the past three years there has been considerable friction between the operators and regulators.

What irritates the operators most is that although regulated by the same European Economic Community laws, British freeports are not permitted to offer the same tax advantages as their European counterparts. They feel that, having decided to give freeports a try, the Government could have done more to promote their chances of success.

The freeports, supported by the right-wing pro-free trade Adam Smith Institute, have made repeated representations to the Treasury with a number of key complaints. In particular:

- Unlike European free trade zones, the British freeports are not deemed to be export areas as far as British supply VAT is concerned, so this is charged on goods placed in freeports prior to export. Thus companies have to reclaim the supply VAT or, if they do not have a British-registered company, forfeit it;
- The Treasury also insists on applying supply VAT on all transactions between customers within the zone, including those where goods are imported and then re-exported. Once again this tax can be reclaimed;
- Freeports are not outside the excise duty fence so that excise duty is charged on goods such as cigarettes and alcoholic drinks, which pass through the free trade zones but do not enter Britain;
- There is a general complaint that the Treasury does not have a will to push the *trade zones forward and that* Britain does not make as much use of EEC flexibility as it is allowed to.

The hope that freeports would generate a significant number of jobs by attracting inward investment has also not materialized. Under the existing regime, the role of the successful freeport has, in contrast to original plans, been to provide warehousing and distribution facilities rather than manufacturing opportunities.

Part of the problem is that freeports cannot compete with the rival attractions of special development areas. The latest suggestion from the institute is that freeports should be given enterprise zone status so they can offer similar packages.

Mr Andrew Kent, general manager of Southampton Free Trade Zone, which provides the biggest single general warehousing facility in the UK and has been used by 37 *countries in its first year of* operation, agrees this could be of substantial advantage but suggests that it should perhaps only apply to new investment or *inward* investment.

The purpose of a freeport has always been to generate new trade and investment, rather than diverting it from elsewhere in Britain. There is some feeling among operators that a freeport's main strength is as a focus for entrepôt international trade business of the sort traditionally done through Germany and Holland.

When assessing why some freeports are more successful than others, it is apparent that location is crucial. At Liverpool freeport, where the value of goods handled more than doubled to £60 million in 1986, the free trade zone status has been given to an area covering one square mile and takes in the most modern facilities of the dock. Nevertheless, half the cargo by value comes in from other ports around Britain and is attracted specifically by the freeport facilities.

Liverpool is by far the *largest freeport and also* unique in being situated right at the hub of a port. There is one manufacturer (of textiles) but most of the freeport business is warehousing and distribution. As the freeport is run by the port authority, the operation is seen as an ancillary activity which can be used to attract more cargo and ships to *Liverpool*.

So far there seems little concern from Government that the freeport adventure has shown such mixed results. The institute is anxious for a second round of freeports to be designated, with particular emphasis on opening up freeport facilities on the east coast

But *if* further freeports are to be encouraged, their operators are likely to look to Government for some commitment that freeports will be allowed to offer all the advantages permitted by the EEC regulations. It is also best accepted that freeports have no great role to play in revitalizing manufacturing industry and that they should be located at busy ports where the likely volume of entrepôt trade will justify investment in specialist warehousing and handling facilities.

The freeport experiment has two more years to run. Those trying to make it work fear they will have to muddle through *until then before* the Government is willing to start changing the rules.

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COMMENT

Confidence infiltrates the bankers' bunkers

Eighteen months ago, the nation's clearing bankers were planning for a war of attrition in the retail financial markets as they surveyed the horizon from their bunkers in Lombard Street. In the middle distance the enemy – the big building societies – were placing some fearsome artillery, while the banks had weakened their own position through years of neglecting their traditional domestic financial markets.

Since then, however, ideas have changed radically. The real start of battle was expected to be the arrival of the Building Societies Act giving the societies powers to invade areas so far occupied only by the banks.

But five days ago that moment came, to be met with little more than a salvo of yawns from bankers now confident that they can contain the situation.

The new mood stems partly from a programme of rearmament by the banks in the early 1980s to counter the building society onslaught on their deposit base.

The strategy has proved effective, if costly. They have begun to win back deposits by paying more interest on some accounts and have carved out a steady 20 per cent of the mortgage market for themselves. Many bankers believe that the biggest battles – causing fundamental changes in retail financial markets and the most significant improvements for the consumer – have already been fought.

In contemplating the new Act, however, they were aware that, theoretically, the building societies could give them a serious run for their money. The societies would be free immediately to dole out about £11 billion in unsecured loans – probably the most important power in the Act – without breaching their prudential limits. That is about 20 per cent of all existing outstanding unsecured loans by banks.

But it is now clear that in practice the societies intend to move cautiously. *Most* are *aware that they may* lack expertise in this kind of lending. They have been repeatedly warned by the authorities to move slowly and they have the experience of rising bad debts on mortgages to make them aware of how easy it is to lend money which is never repaid.

Nor are they helped by an unexpectedly strict set of new prudential requirements, although the Building Society Commission's final pronouncements on capital and liquidity ratios are still expected in the next few weeks.

The banks are taking comfort from evidence that the enemy is divided. The societies have made it clear that they intend to take advantage of their new powers in different ways and in different areas. The banks face strong opposition but at least they will not have to fight all their opponents on the same ground.

The Halifax and the Abbey National typify the problems faced by societies in the two main areas of confrontation. The Abbey's chief enthusiasm is for banking services. The cruellest blow it could deliver to the banks would be to introduce an ordinary current account which pays interest. The banks would have to follow suit, as they did when societies first introduced higher interest accounts, putting further pressure on their margins. It would represent the final crumbling of the old-style retail banking structure based on "free money".

But, like all building societies, the Abbey itself is suffering from eroded margins and would find it hard to afford interest paid on current accounts. In the opinion of Phillips & Drew's analysts, to manage such a service effectively Abbey would have to move fully into money transmission (the alternative is to allow a clearing bank to handle its clearing *requirements, giving the bank* a window on its business).

The cost of setting up a full clearing facility is unknown but would, on any calculation, be huge to the extent that no other society appears to be giving it much serious consideration.

The other crucial area of competition is in the fee-earning services such as estate agency and wider insurance broking – apparently the Halifax's chosen field. Here again, the costs can be vast.

Estate agencies command fancy prices these days. And the banks with a serious interest in this area – Lloyds and Hambros – have consolidated their positions as the two biggest agency chains.

The banks discovered some time ago how profitable fee and commission-earning services can be and have made considerable efforts to exploit them. Most have their own insurance companies, have expanded their insurance broking operations, and have set up retail share dealing services.

And while the societies have expertise *at least equal to the banks in some* services – insurance broking in particular – they are some way behind in areas such as selling shares and unit trusts.

Certainly, the societies should be able to exploit their better public image in marketing new services but the banks have the advantage of being first in many areas. While price competition may heat up, there is little likelihood of any basic structural change in these markets affecting the profits to be gained.

The mood in the bunkers, therefore, has changed from anxiety to quiet confidence. While of great significance to the societies themselves, the new Act looks like causing less of a bang in the retail financial markets than did the intense competition earlier in the decade.

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GILT-EDGED

Why the long yields could be driven below 9% mark again

Retail Price Inflation
Assuming a Conservative Victory in a Spring 1987 Election

	1987				1988
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Average
No EMS	3.7	4.3	5.0	4.7	5.0
EMS Membership in August 1987	3.7	4.3	5.0	4.0	3.5

After the depressing performance of the last few months, it is remarkable to reflect that at one stage last year long gilt yields had fallen as low as 8¾ per cent. Even more remarkably, it *could happen again this year*.

It looks increasingly likely that the Conservatives will win an early General Election and that sterling will become a full member of the European Monetary System (EMS). If so, gilt prices could well test the highs of 1986. Investors contemplating the gilt market in 1987 have to form a view on the likelihood of this winning combination.

Concern about monetary policy was at the heart of the gilt market's worries in the closing months of 1986. So without a clarification of monetary policy of the sort offered by full EMS membership, the rally in the gilt market associated with a Conservative victory might not go far. Confirmation of a third term for Mrs Thatcher would lift the threat of an expansionist Labour government. But it would do nothing in itself to alleviate the Government's monetary muddle.

Now that explicit monetary targets are all but *discredited*, despite Mr Lawson's valiant attempts to popularize the narrow money aggregate MO, the City is clamouring for an explicit exchange rate target to take their place.

Doubts about the authorities' determination to defend sterling leave it vulnerable to attack. However, talk of interest rate cuts abroad and growing hopes that Opec's efforts to hold up oil prices may survive at least through the winter mean there is a good chance that sterling will emerge relatively unscathed.

Pre-election nerves in the markets could even begin to give way to *memories of the* 1983 election, when the Conservatives' re-election began to look a racing certainty. Although inflation is rising, a tax-cutting Budget, a sustained fall in unemployment and help from abroad in the shape of lower interest rates, could all pave the way for an election in the spring.

A Conservative victory then would undoubtedly cheer the gilt market. However, attention would quickly turn to which way the new Government's policies would jump.

It is difficult to believe that, with a renewed five-year mandate, Mrs Thatcher would not attempt to drive forward with her anti-inflation strategy. Since 1983 this strategy has stalled, as the underlying inflation rate has stuck at around 4 to 5 per cent. Provided that it did not entail too great a short term rise in unemployment, Mrs Thatcher's inclination might well be to attempt to drive inflation down towards zero.

It is on this basis that Mr Lawson, with the backing of both the Treasury and the Bank of England, might be able to persuade Mrs Thatcher to drop her resistance to full EMS membership.

By reducing fears of sterling depreciation and consequent upward pressure on inflation, full EMS membership would greatly reduce what might be called the "uncertainty premium" in British interest rates. With the assurance that any fall in sterling, at least for a few months, would be held within strict limits, Britain's relatively high interest rates would be a major attraction.

American and Japanese investors who have fought shy of gilts for fear of further sterling weakness would pile into the market. The rally might well resemble the oil-induced rally of early 1986, *taking* gilt yields at the long end of the market below 9 per cent.

It is this reduction in the uncertainty premium in British interest rates that forms the leading argument in favour of sterling's full participation in the EMS.

EMS membership in the late summer, after a spring election victory, might allow bank base rates to be around 1½ per cent below the level they would otherwise be at the end of the year, say 8½ per cent. This would allow mortgage rates to fall. Instead of 4¾ per cent outside the EMS, the year-on-year rate of inflation might then be only 4 per cent in the final quarter.

It would stimulate both investment and consumer spending, adding perhaps 0.4 per cent to overall GDP growth in 1988.

So where's the catch? For sterling to avoid regular EMS realignments the Government would have to deliver on its commitment to reduce inflation otherwise British producers would face a growing squeeze on their international competitiveness.

EMS membership would assist in this effort in several ways. The initial reduction in interest rates, combined with a floor beneath sterling, would help to reduce inflation. There could be an "announcement effect" of EMS membership in that high pay claims might be deterred because they would not be accommodated readily by sterling depreciation. While this line of argument – familiar to Mr Lawson – might have some force, it is difficult to believe that it would be very powerful.

Full membership of the EMS would need to be backed up by additional measures to cut inflation. Incomes policy is off the agenda. Union reform is unlikely to yield quick results. The Government would therefore be quickly led back to renewed *fiscal* and monetary stringency. Interest rates might well be rising towards the end of 1988 to head off sterling's first realignment.

However, while interest rates might come under periodic upward *pressure*, it is probable that they would, on average, be considerably lower than the levels operating outside the EMS. Investors in the gilt market are right to relish the prospect.

Strangely, full EMS membership looks almost as likely if the Conservatives slip up on a fresh crop of banana skins and lose the General Election. Although the alternatives to a Thatcherite Conservative government would certainly be more tolerant of inflation, membership of the EMS would limit the damage to the gilt market.

A major revival in the fortunes of the Alliance parties could lead to a Conservative-Alliance coalition. This would undoubtedly lead to nervousness in the gilt market but EMS membership would be on the agenda immediately. It might even be supported by a tax-based incomes policy.

An outright win for Labour, were it to come as a surprise, would lead to knee-jerk selling in the gilt market. Investors would be alarmed at the consequences of Labour's reflation plans for both sterling and inflation. Repatriation of British investments overseas might lend sterling some support but it could be overwhelmed by uncontrolled foreign selling of sterling assets.

Conscious of the danger that its plans to cut unemployment could be aborted by a sterling crisis early in the life of a new Labour government, Labour has been at great pains to *emphasize* its determination to avoid a big slide in sterling and a resurgence of inflation. There is growing support within the Labour Party for the EMS option.

Barring big and frequent realignments or a stringent incomes policy, full EMS membership would probably force Labour into scaling back its reflation plans and would represent a triumph for pragmatism over idealism.

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APPOINTMENTS

Portals Holdings: **Mr John Lloyd** has been promoted from deputy managing director to managing director. Mr John Mather, the previous managing director, has become an executive director.

CBI: **Mr Nigel Whittaker** is now chairman of the Confederation of British Industry's distributive trades panel in succession to Mr John Salisse.

City and Commercial Investment Trust: **Mr Alexander Reid** has succeeded Mr John Storar as chairman of City and Commercial Investment Trust and Fundinvest.

Holman, Fenwick & Willan: **Mr P D Owen-Pawson, Mr J N Krzywkowski, Mr R A Mead, Mr D P Tindall, Mr P T Aston, Mr R W Crump, Mr J P J Duff** are now partners. **Mr C J Cooper** has joined as director of administration.

Boodle Hatfield: The following have been taken into partnership: **Mr Martin Grabiner** in the commercial property department, **Miss Kate Howe**, financial planning, **Mr Nicholas Page**, corporate and commercial and **Mr Paul Pattinson**, commercial litigation.

BAT Industries: **Mr Michael Butt** will be chief executive of Eagle Star Holdings from March 1. At the same time, he will be joining the BAT Industries' board. He will also succeed Sir Jasper Hollom as chairman of Eagle Star Holdings and Eagle Star Insurance this year.

Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators: **Mr Benjamin Power** has been elected president. Also elected to honorary office are **Mr Roy Lewis, Mr Jeffery Greenwell** and **Mr Lee Fook Hong**, all as vice-presidents and **Mr David Wright** as treasurer.

British Institute of Management: **Mr Michael Robinson** is the new commercial and finance director, **Mr Fergus Robertson** takes over as secretary and the new marketing director is **Mr John Atkinson.**

Allied International Designers: **Mr Robin Dow** has been appointed chief executive.

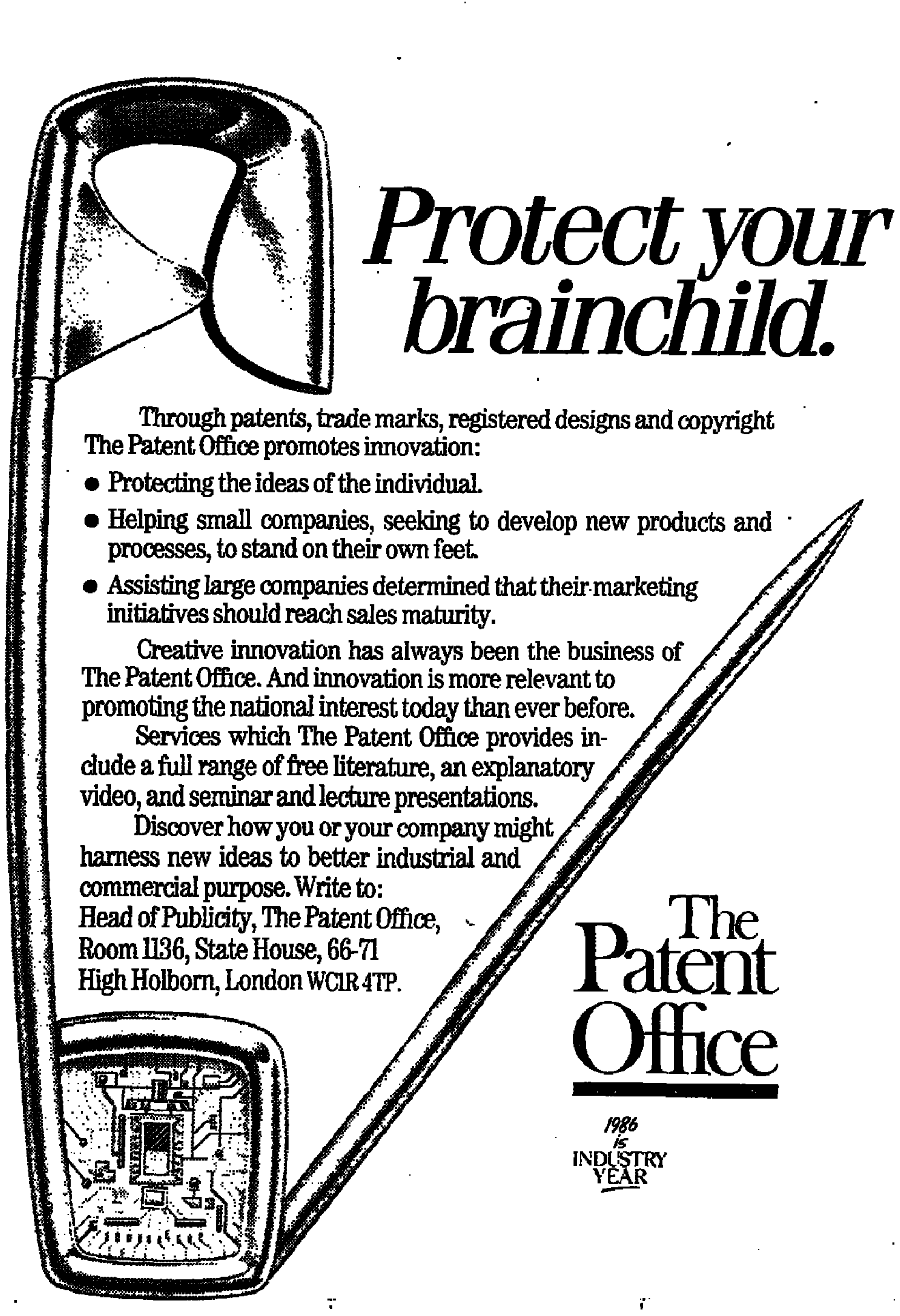
Mayflower Group: **Mr Len Harvey** is chairman and managing director of Capital Market & Treasury Services (Asia), which will be based in Hong Kong.

Woolwich Building Society: **The Earl of Kinnoull** has joined the board.

Equatorial Trust Corporation: **Mr Desmond St Aubyn Harney** has joined the board as a non-executive director.

Thames Water: **Mr Roger Hawksworth** is to be the first commercial director.

Mercantile House Holdings: **Mr R H Smith** has joined the board.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4	Fitch Lovell	Foods	
5	Stothert & Pitt	Industrials S-Z	
6	Star Comp	Industrials S-Z	
7	McAlpine Alfred	Building,Roads	
8	RMC	Building,Roads	
9	Utd Biscuits	Foods	
10	Carless Capel	Oil	
11	Maclellan (P&W)	Industrials L-R	
12	Amec	Building,Roads	
13	Union	Banks,Discount	
14	*Brown (N)*	*Drapery,Stores*	
15	BTR	Industrials A-D	
16	Assoc Paper	Paper,Print,Adv	
17	Clayton Son	Industrials A-D	
18	BPB Industries	Building,Roads	
19	Scot & New	Breweries	
20	Scott Greenham	Industrials S-Z	
21	BBA	Industrials A-D	
22	Brasway	Industrials A-D	
23	Br Commonwealth	Shipping	
24	Morgan Crucible	Industrials L-R	
25	Phoenix Timber	Building,Roads	
26	Barclays	Banks,Discount	
27	Stone Intl	Electricals	
28	CAP Gp	Electricals	
29	Menzies (John)	Drapery,Stores	
30	Beazer (CH)	Industrials A-D	
31	*Hill Samuel*	*Banks,Discount*	
32	Quest Automation	Electricals	
33	Isotron	Industrials E-K	
34	AB Food	Foods	
35	Rotork	Industrials L-R	
36	Redland	Building,Roads	
37	Leigh	Chemicals,Plas	
38	Wholesale Fitting	Electricals	
39	Storehouse	Drapery,Stores	
40	LDH	Industrials L-R	
41	P-E International	Electricals	
42	Body Shop	Drapery,Stores	
43	Dee	Foods	
44	Costain	Building,Roads	
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BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (Under Five Years)

Stock outstanding £	Stock	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Int. only yld%	Gross Red. yld%
1251m	Exch 13¼% 1987	100¼●	..	13.2	..
996m	Treas 10⅛% 1987	99¼	+⅛	10.3	..
882m	Exch 2½% 1987	99⅛	+⅛	2.5	..
1548m	Exch 10½% 1987	99⅞	..	10.5	..
553m	Fund 6½% 1985-87	99	+⅛	6.6	..
1595m	Treas 10% 1987	99⅝	+⅛	10.0	..
923m	Treas 3% 1987	97⅛	●+⅛	3.1	..
1999m	Treas 12% 1987	101	+¼	11.9	..
489m	Treas 7¾% 1985-88	97⅝	●+½	7.9	..
1446m	*Exch 10½% 1988*	99¾	+¼	10.5	..
1133m	Treas C9¾% 1988	98⅝	+⅛	9.9	..
1211m	Trans 3% 1978-88	93	+¼	3.2	..
2010m	Treas 9½% 1988	98	+⅛	9.7	..
2287m	Treas 11½% 1989	101⅝	+½	11.3	..
1329m	Treas 10½% 1989	99⅞	+⅛	10.5	..
2370m	Exch 10% 1989	98¾	●+1	10.1	..
1110m	Exch 10¼% 1989	100⅛	+⅛	10.2	..
2018m	Exch 11% 1989	100¾	+½	10.9	..
537m	Treas 5% 1986-89	89¼	+⅛	5.6	..

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
535.2m	*Royl Bnk Of Scot*	294	●+2	15.4	5.2	7.4
176.7m	Schroders	705	−5	15.4	2.2	13.5
1,240.7m	Stand Chart	797	+13	46.4	5.8	9.8
1,158.0m	TSB	77½	+4½	6.1	7.9	..
84.7m	Union	678	+5	52.9	7.8	98.3
1,453.2m	Wells Fargo	£58⅝	●−3⅝	..	..	..
25.7m	Wintrust	306	..	7.7	2.5	15.0

BREWERIES

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
2,229.9m	Allied-Lyons	323	●+11	14.5	4.5	14.7
2,425.4m	Bass	740	●+14	24.3	3.3	13.1
22.0m	Belhaven	85	●−1	1.2	1.4	35.7
139.2m	Boddingtons	130	..	4.8	3.7	18.4
126.7m	Brown (Matthew)	580	●+1	20.0b	3.6	20.5
24.4m	Buckleys	161	●+2	4.3	2.7	37.3
74.1m	Bulmer (H P)	143	●−2	7.7	6.4	14.7
34.6m	Burtonwood Brew	685	●−5	15.4	2.3	22.1
36.0m	*Clark (Matthew)*	435	..	*11.4*	2.6	*15.0*
74.8m	Devenish (J A)	206	●+9	3.9	1.9	18.5
211.5m	Greenall Whitley	188	● ..	7.9	4.2	9.4
108.7m	Greene King	262	●+3	8.4	3.2	15.0
2,488.3m	Guinness	300	●+19	11.8	3.9	11.4
25.4m	Hardys & Hansons	635	−2	26.7	4.2	14.0
86.3m	Highland Dist	70	●+1	3.1	4.4	13.5
32.0m	Invergordon Dist	140	● ..	6.8	4.9	8.9
41.5m	Irish Dist	181	●−2	6.0	3.3	..
98.3m	Marston Thompson	113	●+1	3.3	2.9	18.1
28.2m	*Morland*	353	●+7	*10.0*	2.8	17.2
587.4m	SA Breweries	224	−15	..	..	..
621.9m	Scot & New	200	●+3	10.3	5.2	12.1
190.6m	Vaux	490	●+1	17.9	3.7	16.8
1,046.6m	Whitbread 'A'	275	●+18	11.5	4.2	12.7
48.1m	Do 'B'	278	● ..	11.5	4.1	12.8
152.0m	Whitbread Inv	241	●+4	11.0	4.5	30.9
178.0m	Wolvrmptn & D	551	●+1	13.9	2.5	15.5
8,282,000	Young 'A'	285	..	11.4	4.0	19.8

BUILDINGS AND ROADS

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
——	Abbey	203	..	..	..	..
38.2m	Aberdeen Constr	231	−2	11.6	5.0	21.3
175.8m	Amec	273	+5	16.4	6.0	14.8
3,500,000	Amcliffe	70	..	0.1e	0.1	10.8
98.8m	Atwoods	219	●+1	7.1	3.2	16.8
1,019.4m	BPB Industries	533	●+7	14.3	2.7	15.7
19.4m	*Baggeridge Brick*	485	● ..	12.5	2.6	12.9
274.1m	Barratt Devs	154	−6	11.6	7.5	16.1
1,672,000	Bailey (Ben) Constr	32	● ..	0.4	1.3	6.4
37.3m	Bellway	162	●+4½	10.7	6.6	8.6
68.2m	Berkeley Gp	213	●+2	3.2	1.5	28.5
9,750,000	Bett Bros	65	..	4.4	6.8	18.3
16.3m	Blockleys	965	..	38.6	4.0	13.4
672.5m	Blue Circle	678	+16	30.0	4.4	9.6
15.1m	Breedon&Cloud Hill	246	● ..	14.5	5.9	23.5
15.5m	Br Dredging	90	−3	4.3	4.8	16.5
5,097,000	Brown & Jackson	17	..	..	..	43.6
16.7m	Brownlee	70	..	3.8	5.4	35.5
163.0m	Bryant	163	..	5.3n	3.3	11.2
24.7m	Burnett & Hallam	12½	..	..	..	1.4
348.3m	Cement-Roadstone	144	+2	4.0	2.8	..
12.6m	Condor Grp	153	..	3.6	2.4	22.1
411.9m	Costain	494	+3	25.0	5.1	9.2
43.2m	Countryside	481	+6	8.5	1.8	12.9
26.4m	Crouch (Derek)	212	−1	7.9n	3.7	10.0
9,280,000	Dew (George)	116	..	8.6	7.4	16.3
19.7m	Douglas (RM)	130	−1	3.2b	2.5	28.1
21.8m	Erith	113	−1	5.0	4.4	21.0
1,749,000	Feb	101	..	2.5	2.5	13.7
3,472,000	Do 'A'	68	+2	2.5	3.7	9.3
10.4m	Federated Hsg	116	−2	5.0	4.3	12.2
9,889,000	Finlan Gp	102	●+10	5.4	5.3	29.8
25.5m	Galliford	92	+3	6.9	7.5	14.3
2,436,000	Gibbs & Dandy Ord	140	..	2.6	1.9	38.8
34.8m	Gleeson (MJ)	348	●+7	8.4	2.4	9.8
115.4m	HAT	150	−2	5.4	3.6	14.2
14.6m	Helical Bar	430	−16	.. ●	..	..
38.1m	Henderson	173	..	10.0	5.8	11.5
71.8m	Hewden-Stuart	73	+3	2.5	3.4	12.9
88.8m	Heywood Williams	224	−1	10.1	4.5	15.1
87.3m	Higgs & Hill	540	−4	20.1	3.7	14.8
5,580,000	Howard Shut	50	..	2.0	4.0	20.0
145.1m	Ibstock Johnsen	187	−1	7.1	3.8	14.0
4,756,000	Jarvis (J) & Sons	470	..	14.3	3.0	97.1
111.7m	Laing (J)	379	●+2	10.7	2.8	10.7
107.0m	Do 'A'	380	●+2½	10.7	2.8	10.7
42.7m	Lawrence (Walter)	93	●+7½	5.7	6.1	7.6
36.0m	Lilley (FJC)	45	−2	5.5●	12.2	5.8
111.3m	Lovell (YJ)	399	+7	11.4	2.9	13.4
458.5m	Magnet & South	252	+8	7.7	3.1	30.0
47.9m	Manders	328	+3	12.8	3.9	19.7
305.7m	Marley	121	+4	5.4	4.5	23.2
73.1m	Marshalls (Halifax)	190	+2	7.9	4.2	15.9
11.7m	May & Hassell	125	−3	0.1	0.1	..
140.7m	McAlpine (Alfred)	398	+4	18.1	4.6	12.8
153.9m	McCarthy & S	308	+13	4.8	1.6	13.8
265.5m	Meyer Int	270	● ..	8.5	3.1	14.4
2,280,000	Miller (Stanley)	38	..	1.4	3.7	..
15.7m	Monk (A)	146	..	9.3	6.4	19.7
243.8m	Mowlem (John)	354	..	20.7	5.7	10.9
79.2m	Newarthill	805	−3	15.7	2.0	16.1
32.9m	Nottingham Brick	305	●+15	11.4	3.7	16.2
39.4m	Persimmon	251	+3	9.0	3.6	10.2
9,368,000	Phoenix Timber	91	+4	.. ●	..	3.4
3,952,000	Pochins	380	..	20.0	5.3	10.7
826.5m	RMC	682	+7	20.6	3.0	15.1
1,298.1m	Redland	402	●+3	17.1	4.3	13.0
42.3m	Ruberoid	293	+2	12.6	4.3	10.4
258.4m	Rugby Cement	181	●−1½	9.4	5.2	20.1
78.6m	Sandell Perkins	184	+8	..	..	..
25.5m	Sharpe & Fisher	134	● ..	3.5	2.6	20.6
8,872,000	Smart (J)	88	+2	6.8	7.7	12.8
1,311.2m	Tarmac	422	●+1	15.8	3.7	17.7
443.0m	Taylor Woodrow	306	−7	12.7	4.2	13.8
38.0m	Tilbury Group	198	−1	8.4	4.2	15.0
82.3m	Travis & Arnold	235	+3	6.2	2.6	18.4
5,913,000	Trent	85	..	1.6	1.9	58.7
9,072,000	Turriff	206	−1	10.0	4.9	36.6
20.1m	Vibroplant	335	..	15.0	4.5	11.6
40.7m	Ward Hldgs	310	+2	10.4	3.4	17.5
5,546,000	Ward Group	102	..	5.3	5.2	10.4
2,886,000	Warrington (T)	98	..	1.4	1.5	11.0
40.9m	Watts Blake	204	+½	6.8	3.3	14.5
2,894,000	Wettern Bros	155	+30	1.6	1.0	46.5
14.8m	Wiggins	148	..	0.7	0.5	17.3
213.2m	Wilson (Connolly)	243	+4	3.2	1.3	19.2
512.6m	Wimpey (George)	182	−1½	5.6	3.1	17.6

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
1,902.5m	AKZO N/V Bearer	£48¼	−1⅝	400	8.3	..
300.3m	Allied Colloids	238	−1	4.0	1.7	25.0
227.0m	*Amersham*	453	●+1	*10.5*	2.3	28.5
9,956,000	Anchor Chemical	246	+2	6.1	2.5	14.4
82.0m	BTP	155	●+4	7.1	4.6	18.7
6,131.4m	Bayer DM50	£110¼	−1	700	6.3	..
38.6m	Blagden	132	..	10.3	7.8	19.9
81.0m	Brent Chems	155	+5½	6.6b	4.3	18.4
47.5m	Br Benzol	74	+1	1.4	1.9	18.5
23.9m	Canning (W)	141	+3	5.1	3.6	28.7
282.8m	Coalite	289	●+10	11.1	3.8	10.8
36.0m	Coates Bros	211	+2	7.0	3.3	19.3
41.6m	Do 'A'	178	+½	7.0	3.9	11.2
3,680,000	Cory (Horace)	20	..	1.0	5.0	6.7
205.6m	Croda	178	−½	10.0	5.6	18.4

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
2,014,000	*Audio Fidelity*	74	+1	..	..	*17.9*
10.9m	Audiotronic	18	−¼	..	..	..
137.4m	Auto Sec	198	..	2.3	1.2	13.5
566.3m	BICC	271	●+14	15.7	5.8	15.3
135.7m	BSR	82	−2	2.6	3.0	5.5
26.8m	Bick	134	..	..	..	..
65.6m	Borland	132	●−2	..	..	..
251.4m	Bowthorpe	585	−2	10.5	1.9	19.5
37.4m	Britannia Security	133	−1	2.1	1.6	14.6
12,982.0m	Br Telecom	216	●+1	11.2	5.2	12.6
74.4m	*Brown Boveri Kent*	98	●+1	5.0b	5.1	9.3
4,680,000	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	16	+1½	0.1a	0.6	32.1
59.9m	CASE	94	−2	..	..	7.9
3,346.0m	Cable & Wireless	329	−2	7.2	2.2	18.0
87.5m	Cambridge Elec	228	●+8	10.5	4.6	13.7
79.7m	CAP Gp	205	+2	2.1	1.0	28.0
68.0m	Chloride	53	−1	..	..	12.4
40.4m	Do 7½% CPF	224	●−5	..	..	..
15.2m	Colne Intl	166	+1	3.9	2.3	18.2
76.0m	Comcap	358	+3	2.4	0.7	17.7
106.5m	Cray Elect	327	+2	5.6	1.7	25.5
57.6m	Crystalate	228	●+10	7.3	3.2	10.8
9,579,000	DDT Group	148	−2	1.7	1.1	12.9
7,923,000	Dale Elect	59	−1	4.3	7.3	19.5
59.2m	Dataserv	193	−2	1.0	0.5	..
1,584,000	Dewhurst	44	..	1.6	3.6	9.8
1,368,000	Do 'A'	38	+1	1.6	4.2	8.5
41.6m	Domino	317	+4	2.8	0.9	21.4
38.9m	Dowding & Mills	46	..	2.3	5.0	11.9
53.1m	Dubilier	162	●−2	4.4	2.7	13.3
388.3m	Electrocomponents	381	+1	9.4	2.5	18.5
2,110,000	Electronic Mach	86	..	1.0	1.2	..
163.8m	Electronic Rentals	57	+1	4.6	8.1	15.7
48.7m	Emess Lighting	309	+1	8.8b	2.9	17.2
74.7m	Eurotherm	275	+2	6.8	2.5	14.8
108.6m	FKI Elect	94	●+3½	1.3	1.4	20.3
240.0m	Farnell Elect	191	−3	3.6	1.9	18.8
427.4m	Ferranti	99	● ..	2.5	2.5	18.5
13.0m	Foward Tech	53	−1	1.0	1.9	22.2
5,039.0m	GEC	189	+3	6.3	3.3	11.8
7,977,000	Grosvenor	128	..	..	..	..
8,227,000	Highland Elect	94	● ..	3.6	3.8	12.3
47.3m	ISL	66	+1	1.7	2.6	9.2
405.9m	Int Signal & Control	238	●−2	1.0	0.4	..
22.8m	Jones Stroud	245	..	12.1	4.9	9.2
14.2m	Kode	253	−5	17.1b	6.8	52.8
16.5m	Lec Refrigeration	273	..	17.9	6.6	10.5
105.9m	Logica	214	●−1	1.4	0.7	23.1
140.4m	MK Elect	376	●+6	15.9	4.2	13.7
46.2m	Macro 4	215	●+1	1.4	0.7	28.8
63.2m	Memec	235	+2	4.3	1.8	18.2
44.8m	Micro BS	89	+1	0.7e	0.8	14.0
11.0m	Micro Focus	90	..	..	..	..
76.5m	Microgen	413	+1	7.1	1.7	28.1
21.5m	Microsystems	191	+6	2.1	1.1	24.1
8,240,000	Miles 33	220	..	2.1	1.0	15.9
385.0m	Mitel	83	−½	..	..	..
10.5m	Multitone Elect	73	+20	0.1	0.1	54.9
15.6m	Murray Elect	52	+1	0.3	0.6	81.3
8,536,000	Newmark (Louis)	288	..	20.0	6.8	10.8
185.1m	NEI	84	● ..	7.5b	8.9	12.1
6,494,000	Oceonics	21	+7	..	..	4.3
195.6m	Oxford Instruments	408	+3	2.9	0.7	17.8
19.6m	P-E International	164	+2	4.0	2.4	..
13.1m	Philcom	23	..	0.7b	3.0	11.4
12.7m	Philips Fin 5¾%	£96½	..	575	6.0	..
3,043.5m	Philips Lamps N/V	£13⅝	●−⅛	..	..	..
5,751,000	Pilco	265	+7	8.2	3.1	13.6
3,990,000	Do 'A' Ltd Voting	175	+3	8.2	4.7	9.0
1,381.5m	Plessey	186	+1	7.2	3.9	13.7

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6,840.0m	BAT	460	−14	18.4	4.0	12.0
34.3m	Carroll	143	+2	..	..	..
436.4m	Rothmans 'B'	176	●+5½	10.0	5.6	6.3

● Ex dividend a Ex all b Forecast dividend e Interim payment passed f Price at suspension g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment k Pre-merger figures n Forecast earnings o Ex other r Ex rights s Ex scrip or share split t Tax-free .. No significant data.

HORIZONS

A guide to career choice

The short cut to experience

'Go West, young student' is the advice from **David Leppard** to those who want vacation work with some career content

A range of exciting new job opportunities is opening up for students and other young people seeking short-term work overseas during the summer vacation.

If you wish to improve your career prospects and fancy working as a trainee presenter for an American television station in Washington, or as a researcher for an internationally famous magazine in New York, you could not do better than to apply for one of thousands of internships which are currently on offer in the United States.

It is an excellent way of testing out a potential career while packing in a little foreign travel. The result could transform your next summer holiday.

Next year more than 1,200 American companies and other organizations will be offering a range of more than 45,000 employment opportunties for students wanting to undertake career-oriented, short-term work in North America. According to a comprehensive book on the subject* no less than a third of these positions are open to applicants who are not American citizens.

The good news is that the great majority of these internships not only pay exceptionally well (especially by British standards), but also provide the kind of practical on-the-job training which can give your career prospects a real boost when it comes to applying for a full-time job after leaving college.

Openings are in an expansive range of career fields including advertising and public relations, art and museums, business and industry, computers, medicine and the law, journalism and publishing, science and research, the social services, televison and film and radio and theatre.

Interns do project work and job-sampling

Vacancies are with a wide variety of American companies from businesses as small as your local grocer to huge multinational corporations. The level of career-oriented training available varies enormously, from simple "pair of hands" attachments, including basic clerical and secretarial work, through to involvement on sophisticated and innovative project work.

One example is the DuPont Company, an American-based multinational specializing in the production and marketing of tinned fruit and other produce. This year DuPont offered 200 to 500 salaried internships in its Summer Professional Programme. Next summer the company will be employing undergraduates or graduates in engineering, accounting, business or the physical and life sciences.

Interns undertake project work and job-sampling at DuPont plants and laboratories on the East Coast, the Gulf Coast and in the South-East. Under supervision from an experienced employee, they get a chance to see all departments of the company in operation. DuPont pays a competitive salary and provides housing and additional benefits.

The obvious financial benefits aside, a place on the DuPont Summer Professional Programme can provide an invaluable insight into the day-to-day operations of a major American business enterprise. It also gives students a chance to have realistic working experience in the fields of management and production. The internship programme is part of DuPont's overall recruiting policy; as with many internship schemes, the company sees it as an excellent way of "screening" students for full-time future employment.

For the more scientifically minded, a number of superb opportunties are available at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, the research organization that was recently involved in the spectacular underwater filming of the Titanic.

Woods Hole offers a limited number of places under its Summer Student Fellowship Programme to undergraduates and new graduate students, including career-changers and those about to re-enter the work force. Applicants should have some academic background in the fields of biology, chemistry, engineering, geology, maths, physics or the marine sciences.

The work involves a 12-week research project involving some aspect of oceanographic work. Last year participants received a stipend of $2,500 (about £1,750) together with some travel suppport and assistance with housing.

Of course, money isn't everything. Some internships in the United States are unsalaried; nevertheless, the kind of experience they offer can prove invaluable in terms of work experience

A good example is the Turner Broadcasting System (TBS), the 24-hour TV news network run by the American media entrepreneur Ted Turner.

Every summer TBS offers 30 non-salaried positions in a variety of departments. Positions may involve work in editorial and research, production, or advertising and publicity. TBS is looking for college students with backgrounds in broadcasting, journalism, communications or related fields. Ideal for candidates wishing to explore the possibilities of a career in television journalism, this kind of on-the-job training experience can prove a great asset when it comes to looking for a job after graduation.

TBS is just one of more than 80 American television stations advertising internships this year. British candidates are unlikely to find even one British-based television company prepared to do the same.

Given the extent and quality of some of the internships on offer across the Atlantic why isn't there a rush of British applicants there? Two reasons predominate. First, American internships have so far received very little publicity in Britain; and secondly, there is the difficulty of getting a work visa.

At the moment the visa situation is still somewhat restricted, but it is nevertheless perfectly possible to gain a legal toehold on the American summer jobs market.

One means of entry is under the "trainee" category of the J-1 "Exchange Visitor" visa. The visa permits American sponsors to employ foreign students for paid internships and other practical training employment. The International Association of Students in Economics and Business Management (AIESEC) and the Association for International Practical Training (the American branch of the International Association for the Exchange of Students for Technical Experience) are both sponsors under this scheme.

Any work that can be found is permitted

There are also a number of J-1 authorizations for summer "travel-work" programmes, the system under which BUNAC currently recruits. The programmes permit students to undertake any work they may find, including internships.

As with most work visa applications to the United States, your success will very much depend on the way your prospective American employer approaches the immigration authorities there. And that in turn will depend on how effectively you market yourself and your abilities.

* 1987 Internships: On-The-Job Training Opportunities For All Types of Careers *is published on January 12, 1987, by Vacation Work Publications, 9 Park End Street, Oxford OX1 1HJ; price: £9.95*

UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENTS

PH.D. PROGRAM IN SOCIOLOGY

University of California Los Angeles

The Department of Sociology, UCLA is accepting applications for persons interested in entering its doctoral program in the Fall of 1987.

Professor Howard E. Freeman, Chair of the Department will be at the Hotel Russell, Russell Square, London WC1, between February 2 and February 6, 1987 to interview prospective students.

Stipends, teaching and research assistantships and tuition waivers are available for distinguished students.

Call 213-825 8043 (collect) before January 29 for an appointment or contact Professor Freeman at the Hotel Russell (01-837 6470) between February 2 and 6.

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

UNIVERSITY ASSISTANT LECTURER

In the Department of Pure Mathematics and Mathematical Statistics

University Assistant Lecturer to take up appointment as soon as possible. The office is in the Statistical Laboratory, and applications are invited from persons whose primary research interests are in statistics. The appointment will be for three years, with the possibility of reappointment for two years.

The pensionable scale of stipends for a University Assistant Lecturer, not ordinarily resident in College, is £8505 a year, rising for four annual increments to £10,375.

Further information may be obtained from The Secretary of the Appointments Committee, Department of Pure Mathematics and Mathematical Statistics, 16 Mill Lane, Cambridge CB2 1SB, to whom applications, including a *curriculum vitae* and the names of three referees, should be sent so as to arrive not later than Monday, 16th February, 1987.

UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW
DEPARTMENT OF PHARMACOLOGY

LECTURER IN PHARMACOLOGY

Applications are invited for the above post from suitably qualified candidates who should have some postdoctoral experience. The person appointed will participate in undergraduate teaching to medical, dental and science students and will be expected to supervise postgraduate research students. Candidates with a research interest in any aspect of pharmacology will be considered but some preference will be given to those interested in the area of Molecular Pharmacology. The department is well-equipped for experimental work in both biochemical and electropharmacolgy and a joint Molecular Pharmacology group supported by a New Blood and Wellcome lecturer has been established in collaboration with the Department of Biochemistry.

Salary will be within the range £8,020-£15,700 (under review) on the Lecturers' scale, with placement according to age, qualifications and experience.

Candidates wishing to visit the department should contact Professor J.S. Gillespie (tel. 041-339-8855, ext. 4481).

Further particulars may be obtained from the Academic Personnel Office, University of Glasgow, Glasgow, G12 8QQ, where applications (8 copies), giving the names and addresses of three referees, should be lodged on or before 4th February, 1987.

In reply please quote Ref. No. 5860 E.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE AND MIDDLESEX SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

ACADEMIC DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHIATRY

SENIOR CLINICAL LECTURER

(WITH HONORARY CONSULTANT CONTRACT)

Applications are invited for this established School post. Academic responsibilities include setting up a research programme in a field of the Senior Lecturer's choice and participating in the teaching activities of the Department. Clinical duties include Consultant care of 8 in-patients at St Pancras Hospital and providing a liaison service and teaching to one medical or surgical firm.

The post offers particular opportunities for developing a special interest in liaison or family psychiatry or neuro-psychiatry but candidates with other special interests should also apply. Candidates must have a proven record of achievement in research.

Further particulars may be obtained before 26 December 1986 or after 11 January 1987 from Professor R M Rosser, Wolfson Building, Middlesex Hospital, Mortimer Street, London W1. Tel: 636 8333.

Applications (giving the names of three referees) should be returned to Mr David J Imrie, Administrative Secretary, Faculty of Clinical Sciences, University College London, WC1E 6JJ. The closing date for applications is 21 January 1987.

THE UNIVERSITY OF
WESTERN AUSTRALIA
PERTH

SENIOR LECTURER/ LECTURER (TENURED) (REF: 10/000/86)

Department of Accounting and Finance

Applications are invited from suitably qualified persons for one position which is available as soon as a mutually convenient commencement date can be negotiated. The successful applicant will be expected to lecture to BCom students at undergraduate level and possibly to students at postgraduate level in one or preferably two of the following areas: financial accounting, managerial accounting, finance, auditing, or taxation. Applicants should possess a higher degree. Professional qualification is desirable but not essential. The position is offered on a tenured basis subject to review. For further information on the academic responsibilities of the position, please contact Mr John Watson, Head of Department on (09) 380 2899.

Salary Ranges: Senior Lecturer $A37381 - $43568 p.a., Lecturer $A27859 - $36600 p.a.

Benefits include superannuation, fares to Perth for appointee and dependent family, removal allowance, study leave, long service leave and housing loan scheme. Conditions of employment will be specified in any offer of appointment which may be made as a result of this advertisement.

Written applications quoting reference number, telephone number, date of birth, qualifications, and experience should reach the Appointments Officer, University of Western Australia 6009, by **February 1987.**

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UNIVERSITY OF DURHAM

School of Engineering and Applied Science

Senior Research Assistant in Computer Science

Applications are invited for a two year SERC funded Senior Research Assistantship in Computer Science for Topology Updating in UNIX United Internetworks.

Candidates should preferably have an honours degree in Computer Science, and an interest in networks or distributed computing or relevant industrial experience. A degree in mathematics or related subject would be acceptable.

Initial salary in the range £8020-9880 pa on Range 1A with superannuation.

Applications (3 copies) naming three referees, should be sent by 31 January 1987, quoting reference SC3, to the Registrar, Science Laboratories, South Road, Durham DH1 3LE from whom further particulars may be obtained.

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Further details and application forms are available from:

Communications Policy Centre
Department of Social Science and Humanities
The City University, Northampton Square,
London EC1V 0HB.
Phone: 01-253-4399 ext. 4505.

UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Applications are invited for a post in the Finance Office. Candidates should hold a good honours degree or relevant business qualification, and should have had some further education in either employment or postgraduate study.

Salary on the Administrative Grade 1A scale: £7055-£12780 p.a. (under review).

Further particulars and application forms from:

The Registrar,
University of Warwick,
Coventry CV4 7AL
(0203 523627)

quoting Ref. No. 18/4A/86/L (please mark clearly on envolope). Closing date 30th Janaury 1987.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS
DEPARTMENT OF LAW

LECTURER

Applications are invited for the above post available from 1 September 1987.

Salary on the academic scale for Lecturers (£8020 - £15700) (under review) according to age, *qualifications* and experience.

Informal enquiries may be made to Professor B Hogan (tel (0532) 431751 ext 6390).

Application forms and further particulars may be obtained from the Registrar, The University, Leeds LS2 9JT, quoting reference number 41/20. Closing date for applications 29th January, 1987.

UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK

ASSISTANT TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER OFFICER

Applications are invited for the post of Assistant Technology Transfer Officer, tenable for 3 years in the first instance. This is a new post to meet increased demand for Technology Transfer and links with Industry. The successful candidate will be required to carry out a wide range of duties to facilitate Technology Transfer between the University and Industry.

Candidates should be graduates, preferably in Science, Engineering and/or Business Studies, and should have relevant experience in Industry and/or commerce. Some knowledge of University administration is desirable but not essential.

Salary on Administrative Grade II scale: £12,280 - £15,700 p.a.

Further particulars and application forms from the Registrar, University of Warwick, Coventry CV4 7AL (0203 523627) quoting Ref. No. 20/B/86/J.

Closing date 26th January 1987.

UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD
DEPARTMENT OF EARTH SCIENCES

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Further particulars may be obtained from Professor J.F. Dewey, F.R.S., Department of Earth Sciences, Parks Road, Oxford, OX1 3PR, to whom application with curriculum vitae and the names of 2 referees should be sent by January 31st 1987. The appointment to be made as soon as possible thereafter.

UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN

CHAIR OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND OCCUPATIONAL MEDICINE

Applications are invited from registered medical practitioners for the above post, which has been established by the University on funds provided by BP, Esso and Shell.

The holder will assume headship of the Department and preferably should have wide experience in the field of occupational medicine; the appointee will be expected to pursue research primarily in occupational medicine and to organise and participate in the teaching programme of the Department. Candidates with appropriate experience in environmental physiology and medicine would be considered. It is anticipated that the Grampian Health Board will award the successful candidate Honorary Consultant Status.

Salary on Range £23,500 to £30,340.

Further particulars and application forms from The Personnel Office, the University, Regent Walk, Aberdeen AB9 1FX with whom applications (2 copies) should be lodged by *27 February 1987 (Ref No ER/050).*

UNIVERSITY OF YORK

Personnel Officer

Applications are invited for the post of Personnel Officer. This is a new post which will involve responsibility for the personnel and training function in respect of all categories of staff and for running a central Personnel Office in the Registrar's Department.

Applicants should have wide experience of personnel work and hold appropriate qualifications.

Salary range £14,870 - £18,625 (under review from April 1986) with USS.

Six copies of applications, with full curriculum vitae and naming three referees, should be sent by 19 January 1987 to Registrar's Department (Appointments), University of York, Heslington, York YO1 5DD. Please quote advertisement reference number 3/5043.

UNIVERSITY OF NOTTINGHAM

Departments of Metallurgy and Materials Science and of Production Engineering and Production Management

Post-doctoral research assistant

A post-doctoral research assistant is required to undertake research into the application of rotary forging to the compaction of metal powders. The work is funded by SERC as part of the special programme on powder metallurgy. The main emphasis will be concerned with the consolidation of aluminium alloy powders.

The appointment will be for a period of two years. Initial salary will be, according to age and experience, between £8,020 and £9,495 p.a. Applicants should have a background in physical metallurgy, meterials science or an engineering discipline with a substantial materials content.

Further details can be obtained from Dr. J.R. Moon at the Department of Metallurgy and Materials Science.

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Applications should be sent by 23 January 1987 to the College Secretary, Balliol College, Oxford OX1 3BJ, from whom further particulars may be obtained.

FERNHILL MANOR SCHOOL, Hants

Applications are invited for the appointment of Bursar and Clerk to the Governors of this Independent Girls' School (Day and Boarding) of 300 girls.

Details (S.A.E.) from The Bursar,
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RUGBY UNION

England's trial ends in a suitably Scottish verdict of not proven

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

England XV	**10**
The Rest	**9**

The England team to play Scotland is certain to differ in at least one respect from that which played Japan in October, since Steve Bainbridge, the Fylde lock, will not be available. But Saturday's inconclusive trial at Twickenham leaves room for all kinds of argument over the merits of leaving well alone or introducing some northern pepper to the national dish, which will now be announced tomorrow morning, rather than today as originally planned.

Ideally, trials confirm preconceptions or throw everything haywire. This one, played in ideal conditions before a notably enthusiastic crowd of 5,000, did neither. On that basis the selectors may well feel that this was the second of six domestic "*internationals*" and that so far their choice is unbeaten. England were under a considerable disadvantage territorially throughout the match, yet survived to win by a try and *two penalty goals to a goal* and a penalty.

This, however, ignores the talents which emerged during the divisional championship and which, in part, were confirmed on Saturday. Webb, for instance, given much more opportunity, offered a new dimension in attacking full-back play and accepted whatever chores he *had to do in defence*.

The pity of it was that those chores were so few, or that Oti — who gave Bailey a thoroughly uncomfortable afternoon — was not turned and tested in the way he should have been. For that Webb and Oti had to thank their forwards, who held their own at the set-pieces and produced better loose ball than did England, though that again is not saying much since a lot of the game was played on the ground.

There is no area of the team which will not have caused great discussion yesterday when the selectors met at the conclusion of the squad's work in the morning at Haringey Athletics Club. Lock, flanker, right wing and full back may have been dissected with particular care while, if the midfield is to be tampered with, where does the tampering stop, if we are looking at units rather than individuals?

Of the three "*senior*" players who missed the trial, I imagine all will be named today, that is, Richards at No. 8, Chilcott at loose-head prop and Redman at lock.

Colclough was not an obvious ball-winner on Saturday

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but he made his presence known to such good effect that Simpson and Macfarlane behind him profited enormously. He disrupted very much in the manner of a French or New Zealand lock and, in a team short of experience, he represents a vast repository of knowledge.

It was, however, comforting to see Cusani have a good trial. He did not let himself be dominated, he jumped well and has the virtue of being fully fit, which is not the case with Bainbridge and Dooley.

Simpson had an energetic afternoon. He is a very physical player whose upright approach contrasts with that of his club colleague, Hall, whose talents are less obvious but who has not yet confirmed his right to an international place even after *15* caps.

The Rest, lashed by the tongue of Harrison, their captain, played much the more appealing game. Their midfield moved the ball well through the hands, they played almost the entire first half in England's territory and ended it trailing 7-3, which argues a strong case for England's defence, marshalled superbly by Salmon, and their taking of limited scoring opportunities.

It will not have helped Barnes's case that he missed his first two touches, the second giving Webb the chance to counter, and Rose did well to stop Simpson in full flight.

Moreover, Rose kicked an excellent penalty and Barnes, *looping round* Salmon, set up a delightful try for Underwood, confounding the Rest centres. Despite a beautiful individual effort by Oti and Dawe, in support of Webb and *Simpson, all the Rest had to* show was a penalty by Webb after he had missed two such kicks and Andrew two more.

The Rest led when Pinnegar took the ball left from a tapped penalty and Simpson and Winterbottom put Harrison over in *the* corner, Webb judging the conversion well. Midway through the half, however, Harrison had to leave *the field with a* bruised calf muscle which is not expected to inconvenience him for long.

While he was off, and before Evans replaced him, England worked Underwood clear and, though he was knocked into touch at the corner flag, his side achieved the position from which Rose missed one penalty, then kicked another.

The Rest, realizing their chance was slipping, responded and nearly squeezed their way to a pushover try which would have countered the scrum drive built up by England earlier in the half. Equality, though, is all very well as a social concept but, in this instance, it was not quite what we were seeking.

SCORERS: England XV: Try: Underwood. Penalties: Rose (2). **The Rest:** Try: Harrison. Conversion: Webb. Penalty: Webb.

ENGLAND XV: M Rose (Harlequins); M Bailey (Wasps), S Halliday (Bath), J Salmon (Harlequins), R Underwood (Leicester); S Barnes (Bath), R Hill (Bath, captain); P Rendall (Wasps), B Moore (Nottingham), G Pearce (Northampton), J Hall (Bath), J Morrison (Bath), D Cusani (Orrell), G Rees (Nottingham), D Egerton (Bath).

THE REST: J Webb (Bristol); M Harrison (Wakefield, captain, rep: B Evans, Leicester), K Simms (Wasps), W Carling (Durham University), C Oti (Nottingham); R Andrew (Wasps), R Harding (Bristol); M Whitcombe (Bedford), G Dawe (Bath), R Lee (Bath), P Simpson (Bath), C Pinnegar (Wasps), M Colclough (Swansea), P Winterbottom (Headingley), A Macfarlane (Fylde).

Referee: R Quittenton (London).

Modest adjustments likely

By Ian McLauchlan

Blues	**28**
Reds	**9**

The Blues or Probables team achieved a comfortable win in a fiercely contested trial at Murrayfield on Saturday. On the evidence presented this will mean at most two changes when that senior side becomes the Scotland team to face England at Twickenham in two weeks' time.

The areas of change will be at centre where Wyllie, although *showing some neat touches* in attack, must be considered a risk in defence. He will be challenged strongly by both Kennedy and Tait, who played solidly but had few chances to show in attack. The other area that will merit *long* discussion *will* be the back row, where once again Jeffrey seemed a little out of touch and had a quiet game.

The Reds' trio of Turnbull, White and Jim Calder played well with the last mentioned in particularly good form. To bring him in alongside his twin, Finlay Calder, would certainly strengthen the close-quarter defence of the back row. White's inclusion, on the other hand, would considerably strengthen the line-out options.

The game itself was played in front of a good crowd who unfortunately had little to warm them on a crisp, cold day. Dods put the Reds, or junior, side ahead after only three minutes with a well struck penalty. Twelve minutes later Gavin Hastings equalized with a similar award. Both kickers however had a miserable day.

The play among the forwards was generally very scrappy and untidy but in 21 minutes off their first cleanly won line-out the Blues went ahead. Rutherford *carved open a gap in the* Reds' defence to put Tukalo in for a try. With half-time looming, Rutherford again took a hand in things. His break on the blindside was followed by a neat chip ahead which he again collected and cross-kicked. This was scooped up by Sole, who drove over for a splendid try.

The second half started with Kennedy off for running repairs and during his absence Scott Hastings touched down.

At this point the senior side seemed to decide that they had done enough and relaxed. This allowed the Reds to come more into the game but unfortunately they could not score. With 32 minutes gone the Blues reasserted themselves. Gavin Hastings kicked his second penalty, Duncan and Paxton helped themselves to tries, the latter converted by Gavin Hastings.

The last scorer of the game, in the fifth minute of injury time, appropriately fell to Jim Calder, who drove over at the post to give Dods an easy conversion.

After the *game* the Scottish coach, Derrick Grant, expressed his disappointment in the rucking techniques of his players,

SCORERS: Blues: Tries: Tukalo, Sole, S Hastings, Duncan, Paxton. Penalties: G Hastings (2). Conversion: G Hastings. **Reds:** Try: Calder. Penalty: Dods. Conversion: Dods.

BLUES: G Hastings (Watsonians); M Duncan (West of Scotland), D Wyllie (Stewart's-Melville), S Hastings (Watsonians), I Tukalo (Selkirk); J Rutherford (Selkirk), R Laidlaw (Jed-Forest); D Sole (Bath, rep: G McGuinness), C Deans (Hawick, capt), I Milne (Heriot's), A Campbell (Hawick), I Paxton (Selkirk), J Jeffrey (Kelso), J Beattie (Glasgow Academicals), F Calder (Stewart's-Melville.)

REDS: P Dods (Gala); S McAslan (Heriot's), E Kennedy (Watsonians), A Tait (Kelso), T Paterson-Brown (London Scottish); A Kerr (Kelso), G Oliver (Hawick); A Brewster (Stewart's-Melville), G Callander (Kelso, capt), G Waite (Kelso, rep: N Rowan), H Parker (Kilmarnock), A Tomes (Hawick), J Calder (Stewart's-Melville), D White (Gala), D Turnbull (Hawick).

Referee: J Fleming (Boroughmuir).

Clean as a whistle: Harding passes the scrutiny of the referee (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

Mullin fit for match in Cardiff

By George Ace

Brendan Mullin, the Oxford University centre, removed lingering doubts yesterday morning about his fitness for Ireland's opening international against Wales in Cardiff on Saturday week.

Mullin, who hobbled off with an ankle injury in the late stages of Saturday's training session at Lansdowne Road, said: "My ankle is much better this morning and I am confident that I will be able to get in some training before next Sunday's *squad* session. I went over on it awkwardly and it was quite painful at the time but there is no question of me not being fit to play against Wales."

And that was good news for the Irish on an otherwise bleak and blustery Sunday morning. Mullin being a key figure in an exciting Irish threequarter line. Mullin did not take part in a 15-a-side practice match yesterday which was far removed from touch rugby and where the forward exchanges were vigorously contested.

David Irwin, the Ulster captain, took over from Mullin in the Ireland line up while Clinch, *Finn and* Harbison joined the 28-man panel for the match which concluded one of the stiffest training sessions any Irish side has been subjected to.

On the Saturday morning Doyle worked his backs relentlessly and repeated the performance after a two-hour break for lunch and a video session. Millar, a former British Lion and the Ireland tour manager to Australasia for the world cup later this year, spent the first session with the forwards concentrating on line-out drill interspersed with several explanatory talks as to what he wanted and why.

The afternoon was spent scrummaging with six Ireland forwards locking against an opposition eight which included five players with international experience. It was a weary looking troupe that trudged off to the showers on a cold but pleasant Saturday afternoon.

"The lads worked well and with another session lined up for next Sunday I do not think we will be found wanting in Cardiff," was Millar's comment. Doyle remains for ever the *optimist*. "*I will be disappointed if* we don't register a second successive away win against Wales. We have a settled side and the boys are brimming with confidence," he said.

Davies swoops to destroy all hopes

By Gerald Davies

Neath	**39**
Coventry	**4**

There is not very much anyone can do to Neath when their players know that the game is there to be won. With a pack of forwards, especially the Jones boys and Pugh in the back row, preying like vultures, they skim the opposition down to the bone. They went to work pretty early on Coventry, with a try in the first minute, and long before half-time all the flesh of Coventry's game had gone. They won by four goals, three tries and a penalty to a try.

It is hard to recollect what the visitors actually did. They had a chance at a penalty kick, they spent a period in the first half near the Neath line and tried three times unsuccessfully at a pushover try. Saunders had a couple of runs on the wing. It was an altogether surprisingly anonymous performance.

Whatever hopes Coventry may have had were stymied from the kick-off by the surging mass of black jerseys. They swooped on the ball, gathered, ran and forced their way onward. Standing behind them *almost aloof* was *Jonathan* Davies. Coventry might have made a game of it but the Welsh stand-off half destroyed their hopes.

After Thorburn had made a dashing run on the right which came to a halt, the ball quickly returned left and Davies ran against the Coventry defence, dummied and went over for a try in the first minute. He then chipped a short ball just behind the visitors' defence. Laity collected, passed on to Edmunds, whose wayward pass was picked up by Lyn Jones who scored. A little later, Davies sold two enormous dummies running wide of a scrum and straightened to find a gap.

Somewhere among this display Thorburn kicked a penalty and added the extra points for two of the tries. Laity got the last of the first half tries. Lyn Jones converted.

Edmunds and Rees, on the wing, got a try apiece in the second half. Good though these were it was Davies who had the last word with a run from his own half and, as he was about to be bundled into touch, he flicked the ball inside for Pugh to score a try which Laity converted. Coventry finally managed to get their push-over try which was accorded to Robbins.

SCORERS: Neath: Tries: J Davies (2), L Jones, C Laity, A Edmunds, E Rees, P Pugh. Conversions: P Thorburn (2), L Jones, C Laity. Penalty: P Thorburn. **Coventry:** Try: G Robbins.

NEATH: P Thorburn (rep, C Bridgewater); E Rees, S Powell, C Laity, A Edmunds (rep, D Morgan); J Davies, C Gnojek; J Pugh, K Phillips, S Evans, P Pugh, P Clegg, H Richards, L Jones, M Jones.

COVENTRY: M Fairn; E Saunders, J Minshull, K James (rep, C Sydney), D Kennell; C Millerchip, A Savage; T Revan, A Farrington, S Wilkes, P Sucking, T Gulliver, B Kidner, R Travers, G Robbins.

Referee: G Morgan (Pontyclun).

Moon shines for Notts

By Gordon Allan

London Irish	**3**
Nottingham	**36**

Richard Moon, the Nottingham scrum half, and his satellites in the back row almost beat London Irish on their own at Sunbury on Saturday. Everything you might say revolved round Moon as Nottingham won by three goals, three tries and two penalty goals to a penalty.

At times Nottingham seemed *to be playing in slow motion* as if taking part in a coaching film. "Here is how to execute this move or that — got it, lads? Right." They did not have to go much faster to win. They could make the same mistakes as the Irish but without paying the same price.

They outscrummaged the Irish, won nearly every maul, no matter which side set it up, and were noticeably contained only in the line-outs. In broken play their support of each other was first rate, and more often than *not the support came from the* three musketeers in their back row — Cook, Thornley and Hughes.

Hughes, the No. 8, scored three tries, the third in a pushover. Moon helped Hughes *score one of those tries* and performed a similar service for Thornley, whose second try, in the last five minutes, plus Hodgkinson's conversion, took Nottingham's points for the season to 598.

SCORERS: London Irish: Penalty: O'Donnell. **Nottingham:** Tries: Hughes (3), Thornley (2), Byrom. Conversion: Hodgkinson (3). Penalty: Hodgkinson (2).

LONDON IRISH: J Staples; C Malucci, P O'Donnell (rep, S Kearns), M Davidson, P Davidson; R Kuhn, N McCulla; T Hennessy, N Carr, D McGauley, M Connelly, A Miller, S Matthews, S Marty, J O'Driscoll.

NOTTINGHAM: R Byrom; R Nelson-Williams, M Northard, G Hartley, C Jones; S Hodgkinson, R Moon; J Ward, R Taylor, M Freer, P Cook, D Hindmarch, N Mantell, P Thornley, S Hughes.

Referee: P Fitzgibbon (London).

Blackheath's pack keep sights set firmly on success

By Bryan Stiles

Blackheath	**26**
Rosslyn Park	**16**

The last time these teams met the Blackheath hooker was accused of collapsing a scrum as he groped for his contact lens in the mud between the two front rows. On Saturday Blackheath could have been accused of losing sight of their objective for only a short spell to allow Rosslyn Park fleeting but vain hopes of success.

Blackheath secured their first John Smith's merit table B points with this decisive victory by two goals, two tries and two penalties to one try and four penalties against a team whose endeavours carried little conviction for much of the match.

Blackheath's most telling blow was delivered in the seventeenth minute when the ball was laid back quickly from a maul and the entire back division handled in a swift, sweeping move which put Craig, the full back, over in the corner for an uncoverted try.

It demonstrated their superiority and gave them a 13-3 lead but while they preened Park were provoked into an anguished response which brought *them level with two penalty* goals from Graves and a try from Osbourne.

Bond, the former England international who joined Blackheath from Sale this season, had scored their first try after sharp passing, particularly by Slater, had breached the defence.

From a possession their pack won on the visitor's 22 metre line, Slack picked up from the back of the scrum and fed McHardy to put Purchase over in the corner.

The Blackheath pack was also instrumental in setting up the final try as they harried their opponents almost the length of *the field before providing the* opportunity for McHardy and Slater to contrive a score for Cokell.

SCORERS: Blackheath: Tries: Bond, Craig, Purchase, Cokell. Conversions: McHardy (2). Penalties: Slater, McHardy. ***Rosslyn Park:*** Try: Osbourne. Penalties: Graves (4).

BLACKHEATH: D Craig; K Purchase (rep, G Vaughan), L Cokell, A Bond, G Hughes; D Slater, H McHardy; P Essenhigh, A Gilfillan, R Sellers, M Walden, D Hursey, I Anderson, D Vaughan, S Slack.

ROSSLYN PARK: A Hobbs; D Osbourne, N Anderson, J Ager, J Graves; S Tubb, G Turner; M Renny, D Barnett, C McGauhley, R Montgomery, S Foulds, N Edwards, T Hyde, A Ripley.

Referee: R Jenkins (London).

Gloucester lifted by Marment

By David Hands

Gloucester lifted themselves clear of the danger zone in the John Smith's merit table A when they beat **London Scottish** 15-9 at Kingsholm on Saturday, *all their points coming from* Marment, their full back. He converted his own try and kicked three penalties while the Scottish saw some lively second-half play rewarded with a try by Cushing, converted by Crockett, who also kicked a penalty.

After the tribulations of Christmas **London Welsh** beat **Northampton** 19-8 and lifted themselves into the top half of the table, while **Moseley** were left still looking for their first *win at Cardiff this century*. They lost again, 38-13. Cardiff scored seven tries, two each for Hadley and Cordle, and Rayer converted five of them while Harknett and Goodwin scored tries for Moseley.

- ***Waterloo*** managed a narrow victory against **Bath** at Blundelsands (28-26), with the other equally distinguished northern invader, **Leicester**, winning at **Headingley** with only one more point to spare (19-22) (Michael Stevenson writes).

This was a rousing match in which Leicester opened a 12-0 interval lead, through tries from Povoas and Youngs, both of which Hare converted. And immediately on the resumption Headingley exploded into spirited counter-attack, Selkirk and Eagle scoring tries. Roberts converted both and added a penalty.

Otley, away to **Roundhay**, continued their run of excellent form, winning 18-27. Otley's match-winner was their scrum half, David Leicester, whose 19 points came from a try, three penalties and three conversions.

Morley managed only a try and conversion to set against a rush of second-half points from **Orrell**. Peter Heath scored three tries and John Carleton two; Gary Williams kicked four conversions and Jed Glynn dropped a goal to bring Orrell victory 6-31.

- CIYMS retained their 100 per cent record with a hard earned win over **Portadown** by one goal and one try to one penalty in the Ulster Senior League at Belmont on Saturday (George Ace *writes*).

After an almost barren two seasons, the Belmont club are now the strongest of favourites to win promotion to section one next season.

Loveridge rules the roost

By Peter Dixon

Harlequins	**24**
Wasps	**11**

Strength always tells in the end and at the Stoop Memorial ground Harlequins used theirs to good effect. Wasps, with seven players on duty in the England trial a few hundred yards away at Twickenham, were always up against it.

It was common sense on their part to have the game demerited as a John Smith's merit table A fixture, although for any league system to work it must have creditability. Harlequins are a case in point. As it stands they lead the table with a 100 per cent record — played one, won one, and, an ironic wag suggested, they could run out winners of the de-merit table.

That said, there was little *suggestion of lack of motivation* on Saturday as the forwards seemed intent on bludgeoning the other into submission, while the backs were always looking to run the ball.

Harlequins took the lead in *the second minute through* one of Fletcher's four successful penalty attempts, but Wasps hit back with a fine try by Young, their centre. With Fletcher landing another two penalties and Russell returning the com*pliment with one for Wasps*, Harlequins broke through three minutes into injury time. Collecting near his own 10 metre line, Davies, the left wing, set off on a darting run. Untouched, he managed to cut his way through *the* Wasp's *defence* before finally being halted well within the 22 by Pilgrim. But with Stuart Thresher following up, the ball was released to Smith, for a spectacular try.

It was a different story after the *break*, as the hosts won dominance in the forwards, and with the brilliant Loveridge running the show at scrum half and working so well with his back row, Wasps faded evermore into the background.

SCORERS: Harlequins: Tries: Smith, Hunter. Conversions: Fletcher (2). Penalties: Fletcher (4). **Wasps:** Tries: Young, Simmons. Penalty: Russell.

HARLEQUINS: S Thresher (rep, A Woodhouse); S Hunter, A Thompson, C Smith, E Davies; M Fletcher, D Loveridge; J Kingston, J Olver, P Curtis, P Ashworth, N O'Brien, D Thresher, P Jackson, D Cooke.

WASPS: S Pilgrim; S Smith, P Young, P Minihan, R Pellow; C Russell, S Bates; G Holmes, A Simmonds (rep, J Samuel), A Ischel, R Malone, S O'Leary, M Rigby, J Ellison, D Pegler.

Referee: J Little (London).

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Chancery Division

Tax case remitted to special commissioners

Brady (Inspector of Taxes) v Group Lotus Car Companies plc and Another

Before Sir Nicolas Browne-Wilkinson, Vice-Chancellor

[Judgment December 18]

On the hearing of a highly unusual corporation tax appeal in which it had been established that general commissioners had (1) made an error of law in upholding a taxpayer's case and (2) had been deliberately misled by dishonest evidence on the taxpayer's part, then the principles of justice required that the case be remitted for rehearing and the that Crown be given leave to adduce fresh evidence.

Sir Nicolas Browne-Wilkinson, Vice-Chancellor, so held in the Chancery Division allowing an appeal by the Crown from a decision of the Wymondham *general commissioners* discharging two alternative estimated assessments to corporation tax each in the sum of £9 million made on the taxpayer companies, Group Lotus Car Companies plc and Lotus Cars Ltd, for their accounting periods ended December 31, 1978 and December 31, 1979.

Mr John Chadwick, QC and Mr Alan Moses for the Crown; Mr Leolin Price, QC and Mr James Munby for Lotus.

THE VICE-CHANCELLOR said that the background facts to the case, many of which were notorious, concerned the development of the De Lorean sports car. Mr De Lorean wished to design and manufacture such a car in Northern Ireland and his two companies acquired substantial public funds for the purpose from the Northern Ireland Development Agency.

Arrangements made in 1978 between Mr De Lorean and Lotus, the sports car manufacturers of international repute, gave rise to the present litigation.

Mr Colin Chapman had been the inspiration behind Lotus. Mr Frederick Bushell, who had given evidence to the commissioners, had been Mr Chapman's right-hand man and a director of Lotus. Following Mr Chapman's sudden death in 1982, Mr Bushell became managing director and then chief executive of Lotus.

Mr De Lorean negotiated with Mr Chapman for subcontract work to be done by Lotus on research and development of the new car. Thus on November 1, 1978 three written contracts were negotiated between the De Lorean companies, Lotus and GPD Services Ltd, a Panamanian company controlled in Switzerland.

Thereunder the services of *GPD* were obtained by Mr De Lorean for design work and it was a contractual condition that Mr Chapman and Lotus would be engaged in doing the work.

One version of one of the contracts provided for an "upfront" payment by the De Lorean companies to GPD of US$17.65 million. That provision was found to be missing in other copies of the contract.

Also on November 1 Lotus entered a separate contract with GPD to carry out the work involved. That work was duly performed and Lotus received payment for it from the De Lorean companies. In 1982 the De Lorean scheme collapsed.

It was common ground that out of the lump sum payment to GPD of US$17.65 million, $8.5 million was almost immediately paid to Mr De Lorean personally. At the time of the hearing before *the commissioners* the Revenue did not know what had happened to the balance.

In due course Lotus was assessed to corporation tax on the basis that as it had done the relevant work it must have been entitled to a $9.15 million balance from the advance payment. As such, the Revenue claimed, that sum was part of the profits of Lotus even if funds had been diverted to avoid United Kingdom income tax. It was against those assessments that Lotus appealed.

The commissioners, after hearing the evidence, said that there was no evidence of the alleged payments being either made or due to Lotus and that if such payments had been so made then fraud was involved and it thus became incumbent on the Revenue to prove such fraud and that the Revenue had failed to do. Accordingly, they found for Lotus and discharged the assessments.

The Crown appealed seeking an order under Order 91, rule 4 of the Rules of the Supreme Court for the case to be remitted for further evidence to be adduced. That was so because the receiver appointed to the De Lorean companies had now obtained statements of two numbered bank accounts in Zurich of GPD.

They disclosed that during November 1978 substantial dollar payments had been made out of those accounts to both Mr Chapman and Mr Bushell.

Thus the Crown was now anxious to reopen the case.

Mr Chadwick accepted that appeals from commissioners by way of case stated were restricted to issues of law and not of fact. But, he said, the case stated contained an error of law in relation to the commissioners' directions concerning the burden of proof.

That being so, the court had a wide discretion under the provisions of section 56 of the Taxes Management Act 1970 as to what order to make and thus the case should be remitted and the further evidence adduced.

Mr Price denied that the case contained an error of law — the commissioners, he said, had been correct in deciding that it was incumbent in the circumstances for the Revenue to prove fraud and that that had not been done.

The commissioners had materially misdirected themselves in holding that it was "incumbent on the Revenue to prove fraud". The burden throughout the case lay on Lotus to show that the assessments were wrong: at no stage did the evidential burden require the Revenue to prove fraud.

Further, it was not possible to say that if the commissioners had not misdirected themselves they would have reached the same conclusion. If they had been properly directed as to the burden of proof they *might* not have been satisfied that Lotus had discharged the burden of showing the assessments to be wrong.

The case had to be remitted. Should the commissioners listen to fresh evidence or should they decide the case on that already heard by them?

Normally the court should not order that further evidence be admitted (*Yuill v Wilson* ([1980] 1 WLR 910): the public interest required that there be finality in litigation and especially in tax cases.

This was not a normal case: it was most unusual. A passage in *Meek v Fleming* ([1961] 2 QB 366) reflected a fundamental principle of justice that was applicable as much to tax cases as all others.

Lord Justice Holroyd Peace said at p379 "where a party deliberately misleads the court in a material matter and that deception has probably tipped the scales in his favour (or even, as I think, where it may reasonably have done so), it would be wrong to allow him to retain the judgment thus unfaily procured."

Very large sums of money had been shown to have been received by Mr Chapman and Mr Bushell. Mr Bushell at the time of the hearing before the commissioners was chief executive of Lotus and one of Mr Chapman's executors. He had given evidence to the commissioners.

The case put for Lotus was (unknown to their legal advisers) false to the knowlege of Mr Bushell and false in a most material way. The case fell precisely within *Meek v Fleming*. The commissioners had been misled by the false case put forward by Mr Bushell.

Accordingly the case should be remitted with a direction that fresh evidence be admitted. It was a wholly exceptional case in which justice required that there should be a complete rehearing before a different tribunal.

The case was one of great complexity and both counsel had agreed that if there was a rehearing then the special commissioners would be a more suitable tribunal. The case would therefore be heard by them.

Finally *it was to be made clear* that the harsh things said about Mr Bushell should not be taken as imputing any misconduct to anyone else. As Mr Bushell was then chief executive of Lotus (he had since left) Lotus had to bear the penalty of his deception.

But the legal advisers, solicitors and counsel were merely acting on instructions on facts disclosed to them. Other executives of Lotus might well have been as much deceived as everyone else.

Solicitors: Solicitor of Inland Revenue; Gouldens.

Divisional Court

Order to bind over acquitted defendant is open to review

R v Inner London Crown Court, Ex parte Benjamin

Before Lord Justice May and Mr Justice McCowan

[Judgment December 19]

The Divisional Court had jurisdiction to entertain an *application for judicial review* in respect of an order by a circuit judge in the exercise of his power under section 1(7) of the Justices of the Peace Act 1968 to bind over an acquitted defendant.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in dismissing an application by Thomas Joseph Benjamin for judicial review of an order of Judge Sir Thomas Williams, sitting at Inner London Crown Court on June 10, 1985, committing the applicant to prison for seven days or until he agreed to be bound over for 12 months in the sum of £50 to keep the peace.

Mr Icah Peart for the applicant; Mr Roger Ter Haar as *amicus curiae*.

LORD JUSTICE MAY said that the applicant on November 17, 1984, was blowing a conch shell in Brixton market. This was an instrument capable of producing a substantial sound.

Some people complained and he was approached by two police officers who told him to stop blowing the shell in the precincts of the market. The applicant walked away and blew the shell again.

He was arrested for committing a breach of the peace. He was then alleged to have assaulted one of the officers causing him actual bodily harm. He was arrested and charged with that offence.

The applicant was acquitted by a jury on counts of assault occasioning actual bodily harm and common assault. The applicant then refused to be bound over, and the judge sentenced him to seven days' imprisonment. He was granted bail pending the proceedings for judicial review.

The judge's power to make the order that he did arose from the provisions of section 1(7) of *the Justices of the Peace Act* 1968. There was no doubt that the applicant's case was before the crown court within the meaning of the subsection, even though he had been acquitted.

The question whether the Divisional Court had any jurisdiction to grant any relief in respect of it depended on whether the order made by the judge was within the proper construction of the phrase "a *matter relating to trial on indictment*" within section 29(3) of the Supreme Court Act 1981.

That subsection provided: "In relation to the jurisdiction of the crown court, *other than its* jurisdiction in matters relating to trial on indictment, the High Court shall have all such jurisdiction to make orders of *mandamus*, prohibition or *certiorari* as the High Court possesses in relation to the jurisdiction of an inferior court".

That statutory provision was fully considered by the House of Lords in *In re Smalley* ([1985] 2 WLR 538). Lord Bridge of Harwich indicated that the approach should be to consider whether the action in question was or was not "any decision affecting the conduct of a trial on indictment". That test was applied in *R v Maidstone Crown Court, Ex parte Gill* ([1986] Crim LR 737).

When one applied the the pointer to which Lord Bridge had referred to the circumstance of the instant case, there was no doubt that the order in question was not one which affected "the conduct of the trial" and that consequently the court had jurisdiction to hear the substantive application for *certiorari*. It would have been unfortunate if the court had been unable to reach that conclusion.

The result would have been that whereas a convicted defendant before a crown court who was bound over at the end of his trial would have a right of appeal under the Criminal Appeal Act 1968, and a witness similarly bound over could apply for *judicial* review, nevertheless an acquitted defendant bound over under section 1(7) of the Justices of the Peace Act 1968 would have no remedy in any higher court. That would be *a result clearly to be avoided*, unless the relevant statutory provisions necessarily required it.

On the facts of the case there was ample *material* before the *judge to found his view* that a breach of the peace was probable if the applicant did indulge in future unbridled use of his shell trumpet. There were accordingly no grounds for ordering judicial review and the application would be dismissed.

Solicitors: B. M. Birnberg & Co; Treasury Solicitor.

RACING: EDINBURGH'S NATIONAL HUNT COURSE OPENS TODAY

Planetman has the class to defy top weight on seasonal debut

By Mandarin

Planetman, at his best when fresh, can successfully concede weight all round on his seasonal debut in the Filldyke Handicap Chase at Nottingham this afternoon.

Monica Dickinson's 10-year-old has won on his reappearance for the past four seasons and was particularly impressive on his first run last season when giving 8lb and a 20-length beating to Galway Blaze at Market Rasen.

Eight days later Galway Blaze produced one of the outstanding performances of the season to win the Hennessy by 12 lengths and is currently a leading fancy for the Cheltenham Gold Cup.

Planetman followed his Market Rasen success by winning over today's course and distance in December when he had Corbiere 16½ lengths behind in fifth. The latter now re-opposes on only 3lb better terms.

After finishing a disappointing ninth behind Run And Skip in the Welsh National, Planetman was given a three-month break and brought back for the Cheltenham Festival where he finished a close second to Glyde Court in the Kim Muir – further proof that he is capable of producing his best after a long lay-off.

My one doubt concerns Planetman's jumping which is certainly not his strong suit – he might well have won the 1984 Welsh National but for making serious errors in the closing stages. Nonetheless, he seems to jump this course better than most other tracks

Corbiere has recaptured much of his sparkle in his last two races, winning at Haydock before finishing fourth to his stable companion, Stearsby, in the Welsh National. However, Jenny Pitman's veteran looked short of pace at Chepstow and is likely to find Planetman too speedy in the closing stages.

The same remark applies to Covent Garden and a bigger danger to my selection may be the progressive Sam Da Vinci, who showed excellent early-season form and returned after a 10-week absence to defy a big weight at Fakenham just before Christmas.

Against The Grain, who has taken well to fences, can gain his third success from four starts by beating a useful field for the Nottingham Champion Novices' Chase.

The 1985 Triumph Hurdle runner-up was outstayed by Mr Frisk over three miles and a furlong at Cheltenham last month but won well here and at Kempton and this 2¾ miles looks ideal.

Croix De Guerre, who last season had a valuable Liverpool race at his mercy when falling at the last, can return to winning form in the Saracen's Head Handicap Hurdle while **Fourth Tudor** can step up on his good Fontwell second to Musical Mystery by winning the Annesley Novices' Hurdle.

Terry Ramsden, who owns Fourth Tudor, also has two runners at Edinburgh's first National Hunt meeting. Both are trained by Rod Simpson, who sends a total of three horses on the long journey north.

In the main, though, the southern trainers have elected to give this historic occasion a miss and it has been left to the leading northern trainers to put together a promising first programme.

Gordon Richards sends a particularly strong team over the border and should return to Greystoke with a double via **The Langholm Dyer** (12.45) and **Donna Farina** (1.45).

For the day's best bet, though, I take **Firm Price** to confirm the promise of his last two runs in the Lothian Racing Syndicate Novices' Hurdle.

Since winning an Ayr bumper two seasons ago, Firm Price has twice had the misfortune to meet Last Grain – once in a bumper and this season over hurdles. As Last Grain is now bound for the Sun Alliance Hurdle at Cheltenham, Firm Price was evidently facing a formidable task.

Firm Price is held in high regard by his shrewd trainer, Mary Reveley, and has an outstanding chance to open his account over hurdles here.

Under starter's orders

A new chapter of racing history will be opened in Edinburgh at 11.30 this morning when Jonjo O'Neill, the former champion jockey and one of the best-loved characters in the sport, will officially open the new jumping track at Musselburgh.

Yesterday David McHarg, the go-ahead clerk of the course and innovator of this bold scheme, said: "This will be the nearest thing to an all-weather course in Britain because of the mixture of gravel and sand and the fact that it seldom freezes so close to the sea. Racing would have been possible on Saturday when both Ayr and Catterick were abandoned."

The new course has been built on partly reclaimed land. The back straight runs outside the Flat course as does the new bend into the home stretch, which finishes inside the existing course. The run-in from the last fence is 150 yards and from the final hurdle it is 250 yards.

Steve Smith Eccles has a little up his sleeve on Juven Light as the front-running combination clear the last in Saturday's L'Oreal Hurdle at Newbury (Photograph: Alan Johnson)

NOTTINGHAM

Selections

By Mandarin

12.30 Don Sabreur.
1.00 Happy Breed.
1.30 Against The Grain.
2.00 Fourth Tudor.
2.30 Planet Man.
3.00 Croix De Guerre.

Going: good to soft (chase course); soft (hurdles)

12.30 DALESIDE CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP CHASE (£1,255: 2m 6f) (7 runners)

1	2P-PP	DON SABREUR (Exors D Pearman) Mrs S Pearman 10-11-10	J Hurst	—	9-1
2	401423	MORNING BREAKS (J Upson) T Casey 10-11-1	E Buckley	96	5-2
4	23030/P-	TRUST THE KING (N Delamain) C Vernon Miller 10-10-6	B Dowling	—	8-1
5	21B2-01	*MANNA REEF (K Al-Said) J Edwards 9-10-9 (5ex)*	G Landau	● 98	F9-4
7	4124U4	CORKER (W A Stephenson) W A Stephenson 11-10-0	NON-RUNNER	—	—
9	443-0F4	HIGH RIDGE (B) (E Lodge) J Perrett 8-10-0	L Harvey	86	10-1
12	U32-49P	WOODLAND GENERATOR (Miss M Preece) P Pritchard 8-10-0	M Bowlby	87	10-1

1986: Meeting abandoned - frost

FORM DON SABREUR yet to show his form at his best he will go close, last time completed (10-1) 2nd beaten 3l to Elmboy (11-1) at Cheltenham (3m, £4184, firm, Nov 8, 6 ran). MORNING BREAKS (11-6) 3rd, never a serious threat, beaten 38l to Whiskey Eyes (11-10) at Kempton (2m 4f, £2001, good to soft, Nov 20, 7 ran). MANNA REEF (9-12) was left clear at the last to win on his own at Leicester (2m 4f, £4,518, soft, Dec 31, 4 ran). CORKER latest unseated rider, earlier (9-7) 4th beaten over 35l to Be Free (9-7) at Ayr (3m 110yd, £1956, soft, 6 ran). *HIGH RIDGE (10-5) 4th beaten 6l to Prince Moon (10-4) at Folkestone (2m 4f, £948,* soft, 8 ran).
Selection: DON SABREUR

1.0 SANDIACRE CLAIMING NOVICE HURDLE (4-Y-O: £744: 2m) (18 runners)

1	32	HAPPY BREED (S Ho'?s) J Blundell 11-10	D Dutton	96	4-1
2	111130	*SPLENDID MAGNOLIA (M Pipe) M Pipe 11-10*	J Lower (4)	● 99	F3-1
3		CHARDONNAY (B Wiseman) I Campbell 11-5	M Harrington	—	25-1
4	10	GREEN ARCHER (R Moody) Mrs J Ramsden 11-5	G Martin	95	4-1
5	31130	HOP PICKER (D) (T Midgely) K Morgan 11-5	W Humphreys (7)	89	12-1
9	00	SHIRLSTAR TAXSAVER (B) (Shirlstar Investment) J Bethell 11-5	P Scudamore	89	5-1
13	0	GREGORIAN CHANT (P O'Donnell) C Spares 11-2	J McLaughlin	—	20-1
15	P	MASTER MUSIC (Mrs C Watford) T Watford 11-2	S Keightley	—	33-1
16	FP0	BURHAAIN (Full Circle Thoroughbreds) N Tinkler 11-0	N Tinkler	—	12-1
20	04211	FANDANGO BOY (Mrs L Bertram) R Frost 11-0	J Frost	97	6-1
21	344	HIGHLAND TALE (M Hickey) A Jarvis 11-0	T Jarvis	82	8-1
23	P00	KNOCKALENA (W Easom) H Fleming 11-0	J Barlow	—	33-1
24	43	*QUEEN OF SWORDS (L Briggs) R Hollinshead 11-0*	P Dever	98	5-1
26	00	STANGRAVE (B) (Mrs A Dale) D Dale 11-0	R Campbell	84	25-1
27	30004	STAR OF TARA (R Whiting) H Whiting 10-12	S Woods (7)	89	12-1
28	002	NAUTICAL STEP (A Clapperton) D Gandolfo 10-11	C Evans (4)	95	6-1
29	00	MISS ARON (I Dowell) H Whiting 10-10	M Bowlby (4)	—	16-1
33		JENNY REGRETS (A Eaton) P Bevan 10-9	J A Harris	—	20-1

FORM HAPPY BREED (10-10) 2nd, failed to quicken, beaten 8l to Nos Na Gaoithe (10-10) at Wetherby (2m, £2094, good to soft, Dec 27, 17 ran). SPLENDID MAGNOLIA (10-3) 7th beaten over 21½l to *the useful Celtic Chief (11-3) at Warwick (2m, £685, good to soft, Dec 12, 18 ran).* GREEN ARCHER (10-7) 8th, not the clearest of runs, beaten 22½l to Carousel Rocket (10-7) with HAPPY BREED (10-7) 3rd beaten 7½l at Wetherby (2m, £685, good, Dec 6, 18 ran). HOP PICKER (10-13) 6th, never factor behind the top class High Knowl (10-6) beaten 38l with QUEEN OF SWORDS (10-5) 4th beaten 35½l at Leicester (2m, £713, soft, Nov 28, 20 ran). FANDANGO BOY (10-3) led close home to win ½l from NAUTICAL STEP (10-1) at Doncaster (2m, seller, £1526, good Dec 13, 18 ran). HIGHLAND TALE (10-7) 4th beaten 20l to Nippy Chippy (11-1) at Fakenham (2m, £685, good to soft, Dec 19, 15 ran). QUEEN OF SWORDS (10-2) 3rd beaten 20l to High Knowl (10-10) at Haydock (2m, £1076, soft, Dec 11, 15 ran).
Selection: HAPPY BREED

1.30 NOTTINGHAM CHAMPION NOVICE CHASE (£2,692: 2m 6f) (9 runners)

1	234-121	AGAINST THE GRAIN C (B Brooks) D Nicholson 6-11-11	R Dunwoody	● 99	F5-2
3	00-02U1	CHARLIE'S COTTAGE (Mrs M Thorne) N Henderson 7-11-8	S Smith Eccles	92	7-2
5	P-01112	J-J-HENRY (BF) (J Knowles) P Beaumont 8-11-8	Miss A Beaumont (7)	98	4-1
6	400-UF1	KOUROS (F Starr) O Brennan 8-11-8	*M Brennan*	93	5-1
7	3-B31F4	RAMBLING WILD (P Deal) P W Harris 8-11-8	NON-RUNNER	—	—
8	400-324	CATHY'S PAL (C Kyme) J Chugg 7-11-0	A Sharpe	80	12-1
16	004-D0U	CORBITT COINS (BF) (Mrs J Corbett) F Walwyn 6-10-9	K Mooney	—	9-2
17	204F-00	PENNY FALLS (G Dook) Mrs C Dook 8-10-9	D Shaw	72	20-1
19	022F3P	STARS AND STRIPES (R Frost) R Frost 8-10-9	J Frost	84	10-1

FORM AGAINST THE GRAIN (11-4) won in game style from Mick's Star (11-1) by 1l with CATHY'S PAL (10-11) 4th beaten 26l at Nottingham (3, £2321, good, Dec 20, 10 ran). CHARLIE'S COTTAGE (11-0) won well 15l from Le Vulgan (11-0) at Towcester (2m 5f, £1945, soft, Dec 22, 13 ran). J-J-HENRY (11-7) 2nd, caught close home , beaten 1l to Takeafence (10-6) at Ludlow (3m, £535, firm, Oct 24, 8 ran). KOUROS (11-30 won well 8l from Andrea Dawn (10-2) at Towcester (2m, £1357, good to soft, 15 ran). RAMBLING WILD (11-6) 4th beaten 18l to Bluecher (11-0) at Folkestone (2m, £1272, soft, 16 ran). CORBITT COINS on chasing debut lost her rider at first fence. STARS AND STRIPS (10-10) 3rd, never a threat beaten 24l to Kilsyth (10-7) at Newton Abbot (2m, £1905, soft, Nov 25, 9 ran).
Selection: AGAINST THE GRAIN

Guide to our in-line racecard

103 (12) 0-0432 TIMESFORM (CD,BF) (Mrs J Ryley) B Hall 9-10-0 .... B West (4) 98 7-2

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F-fell. P-pulled up. U-unseated rider. B-brought down. S-slipped up. R-refused). Horse's name (B-blinkers. V-visor. H-hood. E-Eyeshield. C-course winner. D-distance winner. CD-course and distance winner. BF-beaten favourite in latest race). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating. Approximate starting price.

2.0 ANNESLEY NOVICE HURDLE (£1,672: 2m) (20 runners)

2	212340	SAND CASTLE (B,D) (B Archer) S Mellor 6-11-7	G Landau (4)	91	4-1
10	0-0U130	COCKALORUM (CD) (W Waldron) K Morgan 5-11-0	M Brennan	73	6-1
11	*2/0-0042*	*COUL WOLLOW (D Jones) B Cambidge 5-11-0*	*Mr J Cambidge*	70	10-1
14		ERINS DANCER (Mrs G Grant) Mrs J Croft 6-11-0	W Humphreys (7)	—	20-1
16	02	FOURTH TUDOR (B) (T Ramsden) A Bailey 5-11-0	G Bradley	● 99	F3-1
17	22/	HILL'S PAGEANT (L Thwaites) F Walwyn 8-11-0	K Mooney	—	8-1
20	00R-	LIBERTY SQUARE (Mrs R Crompton III) O Sherwood 6-11-0	C Cox	—	12-1
21	P0	MELTING POT (Mrs S Mangan) Mrs S Oliver 8-11-0	J Duggan	—	14-1
22	000/0	MELWAY BOY (K Bownes) S Bowring 6-11-0	D Shaw	—	20-1
23	PP	MUHAJJAL (Dr C O'Doherty) B Stevens 5-11-0	—	—	25-1
24	40	NEW GOLD DREAM (Mrs J Mould) D Nicholson 6-11-0	R Dunwoody	78	5-1
30	4004-P0	SHIPMATE (A Stevens) D Ancil 5-11-0	J Suthern	73	12-1
33	0P	THE FROZEN NORTH (J Bernstein) Mrs J Pitman 5-11-0	M Pitman	—	8-1
34	*000*	*VICKSTOWN (B) (Home & Trade Ltd) B Morgan 5-11-0*	*C Prince (7)*	—	20-1
36	02	XHAI (Mrs C Derby) J Francome 5-11-0	S Smith Eccles	90	4-1
37		AU-REVOIR-JOAN (N A Smith) N A Smith 5-10-9	Mr M Wellings	—	20-1
40	0	ELTEETEE (J Masters) C James 5-10-9	M Perrett	—	25-1
41	0-03000	FORGIVING (SPS Ltd) B Stevens 5-10-9	S Moore	78	20-1
42		JOY'S DOUBLE (Mrs P Glenn) J Chugg 5-10-9	A Sharpe	—	25-1
43		KILKILANNE (R Chugg) R Chugg 5-10-9	B Dowling	—	25-1

FORM SAND CASTLE (11-3) 8th beaten over 15l to Colonel James (10-3) with XHAI (10-10) 2nd, caught close home, beaten 3l at Nottingham (2m, £985, good to soft, Dec 20, 20 ran). COCKALORUM (10-3) unplaced behind Sicilian Passage (11-5) at Wolverhampton (2m, £1434, good, Dec 26, 19 ran). Earlier *COCKALORUM (10-10) 3rd beaten 20l to Rapier Thrust (11-3) with MELTING POT (10-3) 9th at Nottingham* (2m, £944, good to soft, Dec 20, 17 ran). COUL WOLLOW (10-11) 2nd, ran on close home, beaten 2½l to Kam Hill (11-7) at Uttoxeter (2m, £790, good to soft, Dec 4, 12 ran). FOURTH TUDOR (10-11) 2nd, made some good late headway, beaten nk to Musical Mystery (10-11) at Fontwell (2m 2f, £685, good to soft, Dec 2, 14 ran). *HILLS PAGEANT last year in 1983/84 season and showed he has some ability.* NEW GOLD DREAM (11-0) unplaced in good company behind The West Awake (11-0) at Kempton (2m, £4062, soft, Dec 27, 15 ran). THE FROZEN NORTH has shown promise in bumper contest, on hurdling debut was pulled up before the last flight.
Selection: FOURTH TUDOR

2.30 FILLDYKE HANDICAP CHASE (£2,561: 3m 4f) (7 runners)

1	2F/1102-	PLANETMAN (CD) (Mrs J Lane) Mrs M Dickinson 10-11-7	G Bradley	98	F5-2
2	F2-0014	CORBIERE (D,BF) (B Burrough) Mrs J Pitman 12-10-11 (7ex)	B de Haan	95	3-1
4	0-03101	COVENT GARDEN (B) (R Parton) W Clay 9-10-4 (7ex)	S J O'Neill	● 99	7-2
5	F-F1211	SAM DA VINCI (C) (J Wilson) J Blundell 8-10-0 (7ex)	D Dutton	95	7-2
6	41431-0	SUCCEEDED (J Wilson Walker) W A Stephenson 10-10-0	NON-RUNNER	—	—
7	*112/F20-*	*TURN BLUE (Mrs E O'F Wilson) R Champion 8-10-0*	*M Richards*	96	16-1
11	D/P0440	LUCKY VINTAGE (Miss M Preece) P Pritchard 10-10-0	R Stronge	72	33-1

FORM PLANETMAN (11-0) 2nd beaten ¾l to Glyde Court (11-0) at Cheltenham in the Kim Muir Chase *(3m, £10183, good to soft, Mar 11, 20 ran). CORBIERE (10-2) 4th, stayed on well behind his sta-*ble companion Stearsby (11-5) beaten 9½l in the Welsh National with COVENT GARDEN (10-0) 9th beaten 52l at Chepstow (3m 6f, £21136, soft, Dec 20, 17 ran). COVENT GARDEN (12-1) won 12l from Owen Glendower (10-0) at Wolverhampton (3m 1f, £1885, good, Dec 27, 10 ran). SAM DA VINCI (12-1) won 1½l from Cranlome *(11-6) at Fakenham (3m, £1598, good to soft, Dec 19, 9 ran).* SUCCEEDED (11-5) *7th beaten 70l to Day Of* Wishes (10-0) at Carlisle (3m, £1980, heavy, Dec 18, 8 ran). TURN BLUE (10-5) 5th beaten 30l to Another City (11-3) at Market Rasen (3m, £3147, soft, Jan 15, 7 ran). **Selection: PLANETMAN**

3.0 SARACEN'S HEAD HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,231: 2m 6f) (13 runners)

5	110F-00	CROIX DE GUERRE (J Shaw) Mrs J Pitman 8-11-7	M Pitman	● 99	F7-2
9	31-0320	ACERCATE (D Noel) P Charlton 6-10-13	P Scudamore	98	6-1
11	*8F-1U40*	*OAKLEY HOUSE (Lady Aitken) F Walwyn 8-10-11*	*S Shilston*	—	8-1
14	F-30000	MARINERS DREAM (D Newton) R Hollinshead 6-10-10	P Dever	97	14-1
18	04220-3	GAMESMANSHIP (P Evans) R Hartop 6-10-5	R Crank	98	4-1
20	300200	KOFFI (Salford Van Hire Ltd) D Nicholson 5-10-3	R Dunwoody	98	4-1
23	12U220-	SMALL MONEY (D Davies) Mrs W Sykes 8-10-0	S Morshead	—	5-1
24	FR00-02	TOO OFTEN (B Sollis) K Bridgwater 8-10-0	W Worthington	91	14-1
25	080U0-0	SELBORNE RECORD (R Matthews) D Nicholson 8-10-0	W Humphreys (7)	94	10-1
26	03-4	*OCEAN LIFE (Lord Belper) M W Easterby 5-10-0*	—	94	4-1
27	FF01/	BARWAR (Capt R S Johnson) C Spares 7-10-0	S Keightley	—	16-1
28	P0P-000	BE MY LUCK (D Graham) R Hodges 6-10-0	W Irvine (7)	83	20-1
30	40P/000	KING OF STRESS (W Hardy) J L Harris 6-10-0	J A Harris	83	25-1

FORM CROIX DE GUERRE (10-11) 8th well beaten over 32l to Accuracy (10-5) at Haydock (2m 6f, £3086, good to soft, Nov 20, 16 ran). ACERCATE (11-4) 5th beaten 16l to Sporting Mariner (12-3) with TOO OFTEN (10-2) 2nd, stayed on at one-paced, beaten 8l and KOFFI (10-7) 8th beaten 18½l at Nottingham (2m 6f, £1184, good to soft, Dec 20, 14 ran). OAKLEY HOUSE has been novice chasing this season, latest (10-10) 7th beaten over 21l to Anieca (10-0) at Stratford (2m 6f, good, Nov 6, 14 ran). GAMESMANSHIP (11-0) 3rd, never a threat beaten 18l to Sister Claire (10-2) at Huntingdon (2m 5f, £1039, soft, Dec 26, 13 ran). SMALL MONEY (10-1) *5th 27½l to The Thinker (11-6) at Uttoxeter in the Midlands National (4m 4f, £6427, heavy, Apr* 26, 16 ran). OCEAN LIFE can improve from his recent outing, (10-12) 4th, lost touch 3 from home, beaten 15l to The Demon Barber (10-12) at Wetherby (2m, £878, good, Nov 25, 25 ran). **Selection: CROIX DE GUERRE**

Course specialists

TRAINERS

	Winners	Runners	Per Cent
Mrs M Dickinson	9	15	60.0
J Blundell	5	21	23.8
N Henderson	10	45	22.2
D Nicholson	12	67	17.9
Mrs J Pitman	9	63	14.3
O Brennan	5	42	11.9

JOCKEYS

	Winners	Rides	Per Cent
S Smith Eccles	13	55	23.6
P Scudamore	18	109	16.5
S Morshead	10	79	12.6
M Brennan	6	68	8.8

Only qualifiers

EDINBURGH

Selections

By Mandarin

12.15 Priceoflove.
12.45 The Langholm Dyer.
1.15 **FIRM PRICE** (nap).
1.45 Donna Farina.
2.15 State Jester.
2.45 Blackfeet.
3.15 Stepauli.

By Michael Seely

12.15 ATKINSONS (nap). 1.15 Firm Price. 2.45 Blackfeet.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 12.15 ATKINSONS.

Going: good

12.15 100 PIPERS HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,867: 2m) (17 runners)

4	21-130P	IMPECUNIOSITY (D) (D Landa) J S Wilson 5-11-7	T G Dun	87	12-1
5	42110-0	PARIS TRADER (B,D) (N Ylasoumi) J Payne 5-11-5	D Hood (7)	85	20-1
6	124-331	PRICEOFLOVE (J Calvert) D Moffatt 7-11-4 (4ex)	J D Davies (4)	86	8-1
7	440/212	MALADHU (Mrs A Robson) Jimmy Fitzgerald 8-11-2	Mr A Robson (7)	88	7-2
9	10P011	ATKINSONS (D) (Mrs T Metcalfe) G Richards 6-10-13 (6ex)	P Tuck	● 99	F5-4
10	F-2243P	GALATCH (D) (Mrs H Wells) W Wells 10-10-12	Mr M Walsh	90	25-1
11	U01-120	HARBOUR BAZAAR (D) (J Shaw) R Simpson 7-10-11	D Gallagher (7)	89	10-1
12	*1-00P12*	*NIGHT GUEST (D) (J Fiddes) P Monteith 5-10-8*	K Teelan	94	6-1
14	000-003	TOT (D) (T Gledson) J Charlton 7-10-8	C Dennis (7)	85	16-1
15	320223	MILESIAN DANCER (BF) (I Dalgleigh) W Fairgrieve 7-10-6	G Thomson (7)	92	5-1
18	0002-40	NIGHT WARRIOR (J Mason) A M Robson 5-10-4	J K Kinane	92	20-1
20	*00-0300*	*TEUCER (D) (R Adamson) V Thompson 7-10-3*	*Mr M Thompson (4)*	93	12-1
22	2000/FP	KELSEY LADY (D) (F Chapman) J Haldane 9-10-1	M Hammond	—	16-1
23	U0P310	WHAT A LINE (D) (D Playforth) Mrs G Reveley 5-10-1	P Niven	80	10-1
25	230030	SPECIAL SETTLEMENT (D) (T Beaty) R Allan 6-10-0	D Condell	85	16-1
26	0020/00	*LITTLE TEMPEST (D) (Mrs G Young) Mrs A M Bell 8-10-0*	*M Pepper*	—	16-1
27	0F44-03	FENCHURCH COLONY (I Bell) T Craig 6-10-0	M Ennis	77	10-1

12.45 INAUGURATION CUP HANDICAP CHASE (£2,015: 3m) (5 runners)

1	20313-4	VILLIERSTOWN (P Piller) W A Stephenson 8-12-3	R Lamb	90	8-1
2	F02-104	THE LANGHOLM DYER (D) (Edinburgh Woollen Mill Ltd) G Richards 8-12-1	P Tuck	98	F6-4
4	2343-33	BLUE TARQUIN (B,D,BF) (Sir R Houldsworth) Jimmy Fitzgerald 8-11-2	M Dwyer	95	3-1
5	*320-011*	*SCARLET TERROR (R Brewis) R Brewis 9-10-7*	*A Stringer*	● 99	9-4
11	PP4-003	AVANTIE (Taggart & Wilson Ltd) J S Wilson 11-10-0	C Grant	84	16-1

1.15 LOTHIANS RACING SYNDICATE NOVICE HURDLE (£685: 2m 4f) (15 runners)

2	000000	THE FIXER (I Ross) J Mooney 6-11-7	J Mooney	70	20-1
3	122221	WEIGHT PROBLEM (J Farragher) Jimmy Fitzgerald 10-11-7	M Dwyer	87	F7-4
4	P00-1P0	WONDERNOT (L Ingram) D Moffatt 7-11-7	K Teelan	79	12-1
5	*0P4-031*	*PLAYING (Mrs J Pringle) Mrs J Pringle 8-11-2*	*M Hammond*	77	7-1
9	00-0	DEVON DISCOVERY (Mrs W Crawford) W Crawford 5-11-0	J K Kinane	—	16-1
12	2	FIRM PRICE (Mrs B Kearney) Mrs G Reveley 6-11-0	P Niven	98	5-1
13	33	HICKLETON BOY (R Scholey) R Scholey 5-11-0	P Dennis (4)	92	8-1
14	P/00-	KAMBALDAS BOY (J Thom) J Thom 6-11-0	S Youlden	—	20-1
25	324	WEARDALE (W Robinson) Denys Smith 5-11-0	C Grant	● 99	7-2
30	0	MAGIC ECHO (J Golding) S Payne 5-10-9	L Wyer	—	16-1
31	*P*	*MANDRABELLE (J Smith) J S Wilson 5-10-9*	T G Dun	—	16-1
33		OVERTON LASS (W Young) W Young 7-10-9	P Tuck	—	20-1
34	000	POLITICAL PROSPECT (J Goodfellow) Mrs J Goodfellow 5-10-9	A Stringer	—	20-1
36		STOLEN GOLD (J Baxter) S Leadbetter 7-10-9	C Hawkins	—	20-1
37	F-	TRAILING ROSE (R Burridge) Mrs G Reveley 6-10-9	G Harker	—	25-1

1.45 TENNENT'S NOVICE CHASE (£1,275: 2m 4f) (14 runners)

2	14FF00	THE WILK (F Scotto) W A Stephenson 8-12-0	R Lamb	91	13-2
4	24-000P	BICKERSTAFFE (J Griffin) M W Easterby 6-11-7	R Beggan	—	10-1
6	0-00000	FLYING SQUAD (Mrs J Goodfellow) Mrs J Goodfellow 9-11-7	P Dennis (4)	—	16-1
8	0000-30	FRED ASTAIRE (Maj I Straker) N Crump 6-11-7	C Hawkins	87	8-1
9	32F041	HY TAB (W Wells) W Wells 10-10-20	Mr M Walsh (7)	84	F5-2
12	*0/0000-0*	*KINDEE HILLS (R Goldie) R Goldie 9-11-7*	*P Niven*	—	20-1
13	0/P	LAURENCE PARSONS (Mrs J Gillie) W Fairgrieve 10-11-7	J K Kinane	—	16-1
14	0P0-000	LUMBER QUAY (B) (A Mactaggart) A Mactaggart 9-11-7	Mr D McTaggart (7)	—	20-1
15	0P3200	MILLSTREAK (Mrs D Culham) Mrs D Culham 7-11-7	P A Farrell (4)	82	16-1
16	FFP-430	PARAGLO (C Sample) W Sample 9-11-7	Mr C Sample	91	12-1
18	40F/102-	RYECROFT (Mrs K Rea) Jimmy Fitzgerald 9-11-7	M Dwyer	● 99	F6-4
20	303-340	TOMMY GE (Mrs J Miller) Mrs J Goodfellow 8-11-7	A Stringer	88	16-1
21	000P0-4	BRIDGITS GIRL (P Liddle) P Liddle 9-11-2	Mr T Reed	—	12-1
22	440-330	DONNA FARINA (J Thompson Farms Ltd) G Richards 6-11-2	P Tuck	—	5-1

2.15 MUSSELBURGH LINKS NOVICE HURDLE (4-Y-O: £685: 2m) (14 runners)

1	43F12	HURRICANE HENRY (B,D) (E St George) M W Easterby 11-7	R Beggan	● 99	F9-4
2	2130	BALNERINO (D) (D Nimmo) Denys Smith 11-2	C Grant	87	7-1
3	100	COME POUR THE WINE (D) (E Atkinson) H Wharton 11-2	S Youlden	94	6-1
5		BANTEL BEAU (Mrs J Love) J Love 11-0	Mr S Love	—	16-1
6	P	BINSEY BOY (Miss Z Green) Miss Z Green 11-0	M Meagher	—	16-1
7	0403	CASUAL PASS (BF) (J Morrison) G Richards 11-0	*P Tuck*	98	5-1
8		COMANCHERO (Mrs H Johnson) J Johnson 11-0	D Wilkinson	—	14-1
9	00	DEADBOLT (D Blake) A M Robson 11-0	J Kinane	—	16-1
10	0	EASTERN OASIS (J Andrews) J Andrews 11-0	Mrs S Bradburne	—	14-1
13	*PP*	*MUBAH (E O'Mara) Mrs A M Bell 11-0*	C Hawkins	—	20-1
16	0	STATE JESTER (E Barber) W Elsey 11-0	M Dwyer	95	10-1
17		TEMPERENCE WAY (T Ramsden) R Simpson 11-0	A Carroll	—	12-1
19	2	JUST THE TICKET (F May) C Booth 10-9	M Pepper	89	10-1
20	FP	LOVE YOU ROSY (P Savill) Mrs G Reveley 10-9	P Niven	—	20-1

2.45 N.A.R.B.O.L. HANDICAP CHASE (£1,190: 2m) (6 runners)

1	104/2-13	BLACKFEET (D,BF) (J Mathieson) J S Wilson 8-12-7	T G Dun	92	F5-2
2	311401	GOWAN HOUSE (D) (J Walker) W A Stephenson 8-12-4 (4ex)	R Lamb	91	2-1
5	144FF3	THE HOWLET (D) (W Wilson) K Oliver 8-10-8	J Kinane	82	4-1
6	01320F	ADARE (D Hodgson) D Hodgson 8-10-8	J Phelan (7)	● 99	16-1
8	2-20204	POLOKI (Mrs G Fairbairn) G Fairbairn 10-0	NON-RUNNER	—	—
12	400-214	JONDALE (D) (J Bradburne) J Bradburne 10-10-0	Mrs S Bradburne	80	6-1

3.15 'FIRST OF MANY' NH FLAT RACE (£685: 2m) (15 runners)

2	COPPER STREAK (Lord Cadogan) N Crump 5-11-10	Mr P Craggs	—	13-2
4	GIRNIGOE (P Piller) W A Stephenson 6-11-10	A Merrigan (7)	—	8-1
6	LOTHIAN ADMIRAL (Lt-Cmdr W Crawford) W Crawford 5-11-10	Mr J Bradburne	—	20-1
7	*MISTER WALLPAPER (Wholesale Paint Co) J S Wilson 5-11-10*	*E Turner (7)*	—	11-2
9	STEPAULI (W Farrell) Jimmy Fitzgerald 5-11-10	R Fahey (7)	—	3-1
10	COPPER CAULDRON (J Walton) F Walton 5-11-5	Mr J Walton	—	20-1
13	ORIENT LAUGHTER (R Robson) B McLean 5-11-5	Mr A Orkney	—	16-1
14	*PORTAVIA GIRL (R Marshall) T Craig 5-11-5*	*B Hay (7)*	—	20-1
16	BARJEM (R Jackson) T Barnes 4-11-0	Mr T Reed	—	F9-4
17	BOY PAINTER (Regent Decorators Ltd) J Johnson 4-11-0	R Marley (7)	—	20-1
18	COME-N-JOINUS (N A P Thoroughbred Racing plc) P Charlton 4-11-0	K Cotter (7)	—	16-1
19	FIBREGUIDE TECH (Fibreguide Ltd) J Berry 4-11-0	Sharon James (7)	—	12-1
20	MAUSOLEE (T Ramsden) R Simpson 4-11-0	D Gallagher (7)	—	10-1
21	WITERO (Miss Z Green) Miss Z Green 4-11-0	J O'Gorman (7)	—	14-1
23	*LITTLE HANNAH (W Smith) W J Smith 4-10-9*	*S Hogg (7)*	—	20-1

Cheeky First Bout has Arkle as long-term target

By Michael Seely

First Bout will take his next step towards attempting to complete an ambitious Cheltenham double for Nicky Henderson in the £15,000 Scilly Isles Novices' *Chase at Sandown on February 7.*

The same afternoon, See You Then, his stable companion, starts his bid to become the first triple winner of the Champion Hurdle since Persian War by running in the Oteley Hurdle.

The Arkle Challenge Trophy is now the natural objective for First Bout, the 1985 Daily Express Triumph Hurdle winner, after a spring-heeled exhibition of fencing in the Wantage Novices' Chase at Newbury on Saturday.

Steve Smith Eccles was exuding confidence throughout before allowing the six-year-old to coast to a cheeky three-quarters of a length win over Gala's Image.

"The horse has been taking the mickey out of us at home," Henderson said. "He schooled so badly earlier this week that I nearly didn't run him." John Worral, the champion trainer's travelling head lad, added: "He's just like an old boxer. The moment he gets into the ring, he springs into action."

Two years ago Henderson accomplished a remarkable feat of training when preparing First Bout to land a spectacular gamble in the four-year-old championship after only two preliminary races in the space of under three weeks.

That was due to a combination of liver trouble and bad weather, but this time First Bout has been affected by the coughing that has been plaguing Henderson's stable.

"He was one of the worst sufferers," the trainer continued. "Otherwise he'd have been seen out at least a month ago. My Cheltenham plans are still fluid as we have got a few three-year-olds and novices to sort out in the next three weeks.

"As far as Galway Blaze is concerned, *I couldn't advise* anyone to back him for the Gold Cup yet. He's about two weeks *behind See You Then* but he's sound and we're going ahead with his preparation."

The Grand National is now a possible target for Maori Venture after Andy Turnell's 11-*year-old had bounced back to* form with an easy defeat of Simon Legree and Charter Party in the Bradstone Mandarin Chase, his second success in the race.

"I've talked the matter over with Mr Joel," the Marlborough trainer said yesterday. "He's a sensible jumper so we're going to enter him for the race. His immediate objective is the Green Highlander Chase at Ascot on January 16."

One of the most heart-warming sights for favourite backers and also for the horde of Yorkshire racing fans who poured into the unsaddling enclosure afterwards, was that of Mark Dwyer coasting home by 12 lengths on City Entertainer in the Philip Cornes Novices' Hurdle Qualifier.

Charlotte Postlethwaite now boasts the remarkable record of having saddled three winners from her only four runners this season; City Entertainer having won easily at Haydock earlier in the season and Firmament having been successful at Sedgefield in November before unfortunately having to be destroyed after an accident at Ayr *later* that month.

Mrs Postlethwaite and her husband, Ronnie, who operate a racecourse book on the Flat, are well known in the north to be astute judges of racing and the form book. "It's been marvellous for a small stable to come down here and win in the south for the first time," said the trainer. "I'm intending to bring *City Entertainer back here* for the final on March 7 and then possibly send him to *Cheltenham."*

The punters struck another blow and Smith Eccles completed a personal double when giving a classic exhibition of the art of waiting in front on Juven *Light* in the *L'Oreal Hurdle*. "We'll have to see how he's handicapped now," said Reg *Akehurst, the winning trainer.*

Full Flow remains on course for Triumph

From Our Irish Racing Correspondent, Dublin

Full Flow's 10lb penalty brought about his undoing in Saturday's Slaney Hurdle at Naas. Full Flow was beaten three lengths by Flying Trove, whose Flat form was even better than that of Full Flow.

The gallop was a very sedate one and Full Flow's trainer, Mick O'Toole, was afterwards inclined to attribute part of the blame for the defeat on this lack of early pace.

Flying Trove, formerly trained by David O'Brien but now with Arthur Moore, took over early in the straight and ran on to win by three lengths. However, *Full Flow can still* claim to be the best juvenile hurdler in the country and his *target is still the Daily Express* Triumph Hurdle at Cheltenham for which he will have a final prep race at Leopardstown *next* month.

Third place in the Slaney Hurdle went to a *jumping* newcomer, Welcome Pin, who finished only a length behind Full Flow and will surely be winning soon for Paddy Mullins.

Although The Illiad, ante-post favourite for The Ladbroke on Saturday, pleased the majority who watched him do his latest piece of work, his trainer, Homer Scott refused to become over-excited. "He has been *suffering* from sore shins and I am not 100 per cent happy with the way he is striding out," Scott said.

Leaders over the jumps

TRAINERS

	1st	2nd	3rd	[illegible]	Level stake
J Fitzgerald	52	21	15	7	+28.65
M Pipe	45	17	14	2	-37.48
G Richards	43	32	28	1	-6.57
G Balding	32	21	17	2	+30.18
M H Easterby	31	19	14	2	-7.30
J Gifford	31	21	20	3	+9.76
W Stephenson	31	39	22	4	-78.11
D Nicholson	28	14	18	2	+24.83
J Jenkins	26	31	20	2	-103.85
D Elsworth	24	19	10	7	+57.21
N Henderson	23	12	13	0	+15.77

JOCKEYS

	1st	2nd	3rd	[illegible]	Level stake
P Scudamore	63	42	33	0	-90.24
M Dwyer	55	26	20	1	-5.61
R Dunwoody	44	31	35	10	-37.80
P Tuck	43	34	30	1	-36.91
S Sherwood	35	25	20	1	+85.41
C Grant	33	46	32	3	-115.61
G Bradley	31	18	10	6	-6.19
B Powell	30	38	31	14	-109.43
H Davies	25	29	21	8	-77.71
R Rowe	25	21	21	13	-32.50

Saturday's results

Newbury

12.30 1, First Bout (7-4 fav; Mandarin's nap); 2, Gala's Image (5-2); 3, Dewspry Boy (10-1). 9 ran.

1.0 1, City Entertainer (7-4 fav); 2, Yeoman Broker (11-2); 3, Colonial Charm (9-1). 20 ran. NR: Beech Copse.

1.30 1, Maori Venture (4-1); 2, Simon Legree (11-2); 3, Charter Party (7-2). Mr Moonraker 3-1 fav. 6 ran.

2.0 1, Juven Light (2-1 fav); 2, Saffron Lord (4-1); 3, Southernair (11-1). 10 ran.

2.30 1, Pountandy (5-1); 2, Pukka Major (9-1 jt-fav); 3, French Captain (9-1 jt-fav). 7 ran.

3.0 1, Harry's Bar (7-2); 2, Stame (5-2); 3, Musical Mystery (9-4 fav). 7 ran.

● Saturday's meetings at Ayr and Sedgefield were abandoned because of frost. Today's and tomorrow's meetings (Wetherby and Folkestone) should go ahead as planned but Wednesday's programme at Worcester is already in doubt and stewards will inspect at noon today. The course is waterlogged.

ATHLETICS

Specialists put Cram firmly in his place

By Pat Butcher
Athletics Correspondent

The cross-country specialists put Steve Cram in his place, that is to say eighth and 43 seconds behind Roger Hackney, whose successful defence of his Mallusk international title in Belfast on Saturday bodes well for next year's world championships when the four home countries will have to send a combined British team.

The welshman, Hackney, thought he had made the same successful breakaway in the 8km race, sponsored by Brooks, which took him to an easy victory last year. But Gerry Curtis, the Dun Laoghaire fireman who was the revelation of the race, pulled back to Hackney, and Jon Richards followed. That made for a marvellous last kilometre with all three swapping the lead, and Hackney just holding off Curtis, both given the same time of 24min 23sec with Richards two seconds behind.

Hackney's success in the Belgium Cross Cup, a series of four races in which he is leading on points, is a reminder that this is something that Britain could successfully adopt. There are already three international cross-country fixtures in Britain, Gateshead, Cardiff and Belfast, albeit with different organizers and sponsors. But it would not take too much manoeuvring to get them into the same sponsored package for TV consumption.

Liz Lynch had another runaway victory in the women's race, winning over 5km in 16.26, 32 seconds ahead of Jane Shields, with Chris Benning third.

BELFAST: Brooks International: 1, R Hackney (Wal), 24min 23sec; 2, G Curtis (Ire), 24:23; 3, J Richards (Eng), 24:25; 4, F O'Mara (Ire), 24:48; 5, B O'Callaghan (Ire), 24:47; 6, B Quinn (Ire), 24:49; 7, B de Breck (Belg), 24:55; 8, S Cram (Eng), 25:06.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

Wild-card Redskins scalp Bears

By Robert Kirley

Jay Schroeder threw two touchdown passes and George Rogers added a scoring run as the Washington Redskins stunned the Chicago Bears 27-13 in Saturday's National Football Conference semi-final play-off game. The Redskins, who advance to the conference final next Sunday against the winner of the game between the New York Giants and the San Francisco 49ers, are the first wild-card team to advance to the NFC title game since the Dallas Cowboys in 1980.

Doug Flutie, starting for the Bears for the second time, completed one touchdown pass but he was unable to lead the 1986 Super Bowl winners to another score. He completed 11 of 31 passes for 134 yards. "This is a big let-down for me because I was expecting to come to the play-offs and try and lead this team to a repeat Super Bowl," Flutie said.

In an American Football Conference semi-final, Mark Moseley, released by the Redskins earlier this season, contributed two points after touchdowns and three field goals, including the decisive kick in the second overtime period, as the Cleveland Browns fended off the surprisingly tenacious New York Jets 23-20.

"I felt like I had 80,000 people on my shoulders," Moseley said. He had missed three field-goal attempts, including one in the first overtime period. "But I've been in these situations before. I knew they still were depending on me and that faith came through . . . finally." Moseley sent the game into overtime with a field goal seven seconds from regulation time.

Bernie Kosar, who was five years old in 1969 when Cleveland last won a play-off game, completed 33 of 64 passes for 489 yards. The Browns will face the winners of the game between the New England Patriots and the Denver Broncos.

Clevlnd Browns	7	3	0	10	0	3	— 23
New York Jets	7	3	3	7	0	0	— 20

First quarter: Jets: Walker, 42yd pass from Ryan (Leahy kick), 9min 56sec elapsed; Browns: Fontenot, 37yd pass from Kosar (Moseley kick), 13:16. Second quarter: Browns: Moseley, 38yd field goal, 9:08; Jets: Leahy, 46yd fg, 14:58. Third quarter: Jets: Leahy, 37yd fg, 4:09. Fourth quarter: Jets: McNeil, 25yd run (Leahy kick), 10:48; Browns: Mack, 1yd run (Moseley kick), 13:03; Browns: Moseley, 22yd fg, 14:53. First overtime: No scoring. Second overtime: Browns: Moseley, 27yd fg, 2:02. Attendance: 78,106.

Chicago Bears	0	13	0	0	— 13
Washn Redskins	7	0	7	13	— 27

First quarter: Redskins: Monk, 28yd pass from Schroeder (Atkinson kick), 12min 45sec elapsed. Second quarter: Bears: Gault, 50yd pass from Flutie (Butler kick), 4:53; Bears: Butler, 23yd field goal, 8:59; Bears: Butler, 41yd fg, 13:34. Third quarter: Redskins: Monk, 23yd pass from Schroeder (Atkinson kick), 7:51. Fourth quarter: Redskins: Rogers, 1yd run (Atkinson kick), 0:53; Redskins: Atkinson, 35yd fg, 6:54; Redskins: Atkinson, 25yd fg, 12:35. Attendance: 65,141.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

7.30 unless stated

FOOTBALL

Freight Rover Trophy
Preliminary round
Northampton v Notts County (7.45)
Preston v Crewe

VAUXHALL OPEL LEAGUE: First division: Stevenage Borough v Walton and Hersham.
GM ACCEPTANCE CUP: Second round: Croydon v Bognor.
CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Leicester v Oldham (7.0).
FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Swindon v Millwall (2.0).

OTHER SPORT

BOWLS: Ely International Masters.
REAL TENNIS: Henry Leaf Cup (at Queen's Club, West Kensington).
SNOOKER: Mercantile Credit classic (at Blackpool).
SQUASH RACKETS: NatWest Under-19 Open, Drysdale Cup (at Lamb's SC, London); Abbey National Women's British *open junior championships (at* Gloucester).

FOOTBALL: SHARP'S GOAL ONLY SHOT OF NOTE IN EVERTON'S TEDIOUS MATCH WHILE THE CHAMPIONS SALVAGE THEIR HONOUR IN THE DYING MOMENTS

Quixotic surface makes for game lacking in skill or entertainment

By Clive White

QPR 0
Everton 1

Hypocrisy rules at Loftus Road. How the interval announcer who, reading an official denial of a newspaper story concerning the transfer of Fenwick, had the temerity to describe it as "pure fiction" after the artificial nonsense just served up by the club was in itself beyond belief.

I would have thought that any self-respecting Rangers player would have been only too pleased to be spirited away from Loftus Road's plastic pitch. Certainly the Everton players, hugging three points towards the championship chase of Arsenal, could not get away from it fast enough.

When arguably the most inventive team in the country are reduced to hoofing the ball out of defence, on the instructions of their manager, because to attempt to play football on the surface is to invite disaster, then it is time the authorities put an end to this sham and outlaw the artificial pitch, or at least demand acceptable standards from them. They were never introduced for the betterment of the game's skills, only its finances.

It is, I'm afraid, a tedious subject, surpassed only by the tedium of watching games played on its quixotic surface. But though the game was worth no more space than it takes to describe Graham Sharp's superb goal, one ought to spare a thought for the disappointment of 19,287 paying customers who are virtually being cheated out of their money. If they wanted to watch a game of pinball it would have been cheaper to have gone to the nearest cafe.

Howard Kendall, the Everton manager, who was collecting his first points, indeed his first goal, at this venue, quite rightly was not feeling too pleased with himself. Using the winner's rostrum as his soapbox he took the opportunity to launch another attack on the pitch in the presence of Jim Smith, the Rangers' manager.

"We're in the entertainment business and we find it very difficult to entertain on this. Anyone who has seen us recently would have noted a change in our performance which was simply down to the surface."

In defence of Everton's cautious tactics he said: "You've got to be professional and adapt to it."

When informed by a regular sufferer that it was one of the worst games seen at Loftus Road this season, he replied: "I'm delighted you've seen some good ones."

Thankful that he did not have to play on it Kendall added: "I don't like watching it either. I can't think of anyone who likes watching games on artificial surfaces." He would have choked on his after-match sausage roll if I had told him of one Southampton reader who viewed the pitch as an "exciting development".

Less his silence be taken to be too much in accordance with the opinions of Kendall, Smith launched a counter-attack on the Everton tactics. "Let's be fair," he said (which the pitch is unquestionably not to visiting teams), "it was not going to be a good game because Everton came, as many teams are coming here now, with one thing in mind — to come away with a draw, hopefully nick a win. They're adapting to what they think is the best way to play on this pitch. We're getting more and more teams like that. I've noticed a deterioration in the quality of games compared to last season. It's very difficult to get the game flowing."

At least Smith had the fairness of mind to withdraw the word "nick" from his description of Everton's winning goal in the 67th minute. However, less fair was his opinion of how Sharp's fine goal should have been prevented. In a breakaway Sharp had set forth on a long winding run in which he had the initiative and determination to force his way through a pack of indecisive central defence and finally the composure and strength to tuck his shot perfectly past Seaman. Smith's comment was more negative than anything we had seen from Everton: "Sharp should have been stopped professionally," he said.

It was the only shot of note in the entire match and just about the only one of any description from Everton who were scoring their first goal here in five hours and 37 minutes. Having said that, they were primarily responsible for what little creativity there was.

Walker and Byrne with better finishing might have sealed an undeserving Rangers victory before Sharp's piece of inspiration, but it was only when the more direct Fereday came on, belatedly, in place of the convoluted Walker that Rangers threatened to unhinge Everton. But they just didn't get the rub of the Omniturf.

QUEEN'S PARK RANGERS: D Seaman; W Neill, R James, M Allen, A McDonald, G Chivers, S Lee, M Robinson, T Fenwick, J Byrne, C Walker (sub, W Fereday).
EVERTON: N Southall; G Stevens, N Pointon, K Ratcliffe, D Watson, P Power, T Steven, A Heath, G Sharp, A Harper, K Sheedy.
Referee: B Hill.

Front men waste chances

By Vince Wright

Aston Villa 0
Nottingham Forest 0

There is no justice sometimes. Aston Villa, having outplayed Nottingham Forest for the best part of Saturday's thrilling goalless draw, not only failed to gain what would have been a richly deserved victory but ended the afternoon one place nearer the foot of the first division.

Villa did not remotely resemble relegation candidates. Their confidence seemed unimpaired by recent heavy defeats at Chelsea and Everton, their commitment was total and their approach work was of the highest quality.

If Villa had a weakness it was their finishing. Thompson, who is usually so dangerous in the air, was particularly wasteful, putting two headers tamely wide from promising positions.

Cooper, making his debut for Villa in midfield, must also shoulder some of the blame. Although his general play was impressive, he twice miskicked when given the ball in space on the edge of the penalty area. Cooper's lack of match practice told later on and he was belatedly withdrawn.

With only three points from a possible 12 over the holiday period, Forest are fast losing ground in the championship race and their mediocre performance confirmed the belief that the title winners will come from Merseyside or north London.

The injured Birtles was badly missed and the wisdom of Brian Clough's decision to keep Metgod on the substitute's bench must be questioned. Forest could probably have done with his calming influence.

Forest, no doubt spurred by some well chosen words from their manager, proved worthier opposition in the second half and could even have stolen the points. But their finishing was as wayward as Villa's. Mills fired over from point blank range and Webb was twice off target when put through by Starbuck and Nigel Clough respectively.

Villa's defence, which has been responsible for many of their defeats this season, was strengthened by the centre-back pairing of Evans and Keown, while Dorigo dealt capably with Carr.

The trickery of Daley and Walters on the wings was a joy to behold and they were given excellent service by Villa's midfield orchestrator, Hunt, who sprayed passes around with the accuracy of a Johnny Haynes. It was not for want of trying that Villa failed to avenge their 6-0 drubbing by Forest in September.

ASTON VILLA: N Spink; G Williams, A Dorigo, A Evans, M Keown, N Cooper (sub, D Norton), A Daley, G Thompson, S Stainrod, S Hunt, M Walters.
NOTTINGHAM FOREST: H Segers; G Fleming, S Pearce, D Walker, C Fairclough, I Bowyer, F Carr, N Webb, N Clough, P Starbuck, G Mills.
Referee: G Aplin.

- West Ham's Littlewood Cup quarter final tie against Tottenham at Upton Park on Wednesday, January 21 (ko 7.45pm) will be all ticket.

- Watford are hoping for a crowd of over 20,000 for next Saturday's home third round FA Cup tie with Maidstone United, the GM Conference side. Maidstone, have already sold 2,500 of their 3,500 seating and standing tickets.

- Charlton and Orient have agreed to play Vauxhall Opel League side Worthing in March after hearing of the non-league side's financial difficulties. Worthing have also made approaches to Chelsea, Fulham and Crystal Palace to play friendlies at their Woodside Road ground.

- Tottenham Hotspur have finalised plans for a pre-season tour of Sweden this summer.

Slow crawl: Stevens shrugs off Walker, of QPR (Photograph: Philip Shepard-Lewis)

A Viking's spirit rebuked

By David Powell

Southampton 1
Manchester United 1

Everything happened in a hurry at the Dell on Saturday. One man sent off in the second minute and a goal a-piece before O'Brien had had time to finish his bath. The rush to make tackles was as unsettling as a day at the January sales. Even the half-time tea and sandwiches arrived in the Press box after 31 minutes.

By the final whistle it was difficult to know who to pity most. O'Brien perhaps, the Irishman dismissed for a mistimed tackle on Dennis, and in only his third game for United too; Nixon, maybe, trying to fill Shilton's shoes and making another bloomer in front of home supporters; or Terry Gibson, given a Clive Allen role but nothing like the service.

Once United were down to ten men, Gibson played as their lone forward. But the most he saw of the ball was when it was flying over his head. Gibson is 5ft 8in, Wright, marking him, 6ft 3in. Each time Turner punted a kick from his area, guess who won possession?

Gibson ran and ran, looking for space, attempting to win the ball for himself but to no avail. Once he stole a yard on Wright to meet a cross from Gill but Turner saved his header. Olsen played well, so did Strachan, but their first concern was to hold midfield, their second to be creative. "We handled the situation well — it's a good result for us," Alex Ferguson, the United manager, said.

The match was televised live in Norway and Sweden where viewers no doubt appreciated United's Viking spirit even if the referee, Colin Downey, did not. After sending off O'Brien in 104 seconds, Mr Downey entered the names of Garton and Strachan into his notebook, and if there are bookings to be had Dennis is usually in the queue. He collected his sixth of the season.

Both teams have been so ravaged by injury of late that it was possible to name a side from the absentees which would have surely provided more lasting entertainment (Shilton, Robson, Armstrong, Whiteside, McGrath, etc). After the goals — a curled shot by Holmes on four minutes in his first game for four months and a low drive from Olsen after 11 minutes to which Nixon was slow going down — the game drifted.

Poor passing and enthusiastic tackling prevailed. As with the Vikings, the teamwork was all at sea.

SOUTHAMPTON: E Nixon; G Forrest, M Dennis, S Baker (sub, M Le Tissier), M Wright, J Gittens, G Lawrence, G Cockerill, C Clarke, N Holmes, D Wallace.
MANCHESTER UNITED: C Turner; M Duxbury, C Gibson, L O'Brien, W Garton, K Moran, A Gill (sub, P Davenport), G Strachan, F Stapleton, T Gibson, J Olsen.
Referee: C Downey.

Leicester deepen Wednesday's woe

By Nicholas Harling

Howard Wilkinson may yet regret his decision to sell Paul Hart. Ever since the centre half was dropped by the Sheffield Wednesday manager after the Boxing Day defeat at Manchester City and sold four days later to Birmingham — where he broke his leg on his debut — Wednesday have done little right.

No sooner had they been tipped as championship contenders than the team began a losing run, leaking goals in the process. A deluge came on Saturday in the 6-1 defeat at Leicester, who could hardly have chosen a more spectacular manner of yanking themselves off the bottom of the first division.

On the ground, where one England forward, Gary Lineker, was nurtured, Bobby Robson was present to see two players who may yet feature in his plans — which Hart surprisingly never did — particularly enjoy themselves.

Steve Moran scored three goals, one more than Alan Smith, who looked the more-worthy candidate to be a future partner to Lineker as he led the line impressively.

A visit to Monte Carlo got the vote over one to Luton for the Chelsea chairman, Ken Bates. He obviously made the right decision. Fifty of his club's supporters who got into the ground where visiting supporters are banned, on complimentary tickets, did not. They witnessed a tedious game in which Niedzwicki spilled a Harford shot to present Newell, whom he had previously defied single-handedly, with the only goal.

Newcastle United, beaten 2-1 at home by Coventry, replace Leicester at the bottom, while those other strugglers, Manchester City, were grateful for a dubiously-awarded penalty, converted by McNab, for the only goal against Oxford United, who on the run of play could feel hard done by.

Meanwhile, the Jones boy, that is Vince of Wimbledon, scored his fourth goal in seven games, against Watford, who had rejected him as a schoolboy. His effort was the equalizer in Wimbledon's 2-1 win, Porter having given Watford the lead. Wimbledon's winner came from Sayer, and secured their first double in the first division. They moved up to ninth place.

In the second division, Portsmouth's mediocre away record may yet undermine their challenge for promotion. Their manager, Alan Ball, was furious after Sellars scored the only goal of the game for Blackburn, who thus moved off the bottom.

Patience proves to be Liverpool's only saving grace

By Steve Bates

Liverpool 1
West Ham Utd 0

The patient approach which has kept Liverpool at the pinnacle of English football for over a decade is again poised to become their most valuable ally in the hunt for this season's League championship.

Twice now in the space of three days, Liverpool have salvaged vital points from the dying embers of their matches, first at Forest on New Year's Day when Rush scored a late equalizer and now against a West Ham side who, arguably, deserved more for their determined defending.

Steve McMahon, scorer of the 84th minute goal which keeps Liverpool ominously shadowing Arsenal and Everton, accurately summed up the Anfield philosophy when he remarked later: "We've got faith in ourselves and if we keep plugging away, who knows what can happen."

Who knows indeed, for the holiday period has reaped eight points from a possible 15 for manager Kenny Dalglish — suprisingly more profitable than last season when they took the title. And if that is any barometer, the polished silverware that rests in their bulging trophy room seems destined to stay.

That it took Liverpool 84 minutes to finally penetrate West Ham's defiant resistance is glowing testimony to the efforts of Martin and Hilton who manfully kept the tide of red shirts at bay until McMahon seized on a Rush header to drive in the winner.

Before that, United had managed to successfully, albeit desperately at times, to plug a defence which had leaked an alarming 12 goals in their previous five games. Having picked up just seven points in eight matches and lost their last four away visits, John Lyle is entitled to be happier with the prospects even if McAvennie is struggling to regain the sharpness which made him a defender's nightmare last season.

Certainly their commitment and concentration cannot be faulted for they remained composed in the face of pressure which became almost beyond endurance midway through the second half.

The catalyst for that spell came after 59 minutes when Molby's fierce free kick was pushed onto the post by Parkes. As if suddenly awakened the Kop responded with the type of vociferous support which led Dalglish to comment: "It was them who inspired us, usually it's the team who lift the crowd but this time they got behind us. I don't think they realize the effect they have on the players when they get behind them like that."

Victory could have been sealed then had Walsh not deliberated long enough for Parkes to save his 67th minute shot after he had been put clean through by Rush.

But West Ham left Anfield in better heart than when they arrived with Martin saying: "It was a good defensive performance by the team and although it was a disappointment to lose a late goal, we frustrated them and now we can build on this."

LIVERPOOL: B Grobbelaar; G Gillespie, J Beglin, M Lawrenson, R Whelan, A Hansen, P Walsh, C Johnston, I Rush, J Molby, S McMahon.
WEST HAM: P Parkes; S Walford, G Parris, P Hilton, A Martin, A Devonshire, N Orr (sub, P Ince), F McAvennie, A Dickens, T Cottee, G Pike.
Referee: M Peck.

Derby are given one for the Palace road

By Paul Newman

Crystal Palace 1
Derby County 0

In the space of three months Crystal Palace have slipped in the second division table from first place to fifteenth and climbed back to seventh. It says as much about their own erratic ways as it does about the levelling of standards in the division this season.

Week after week, teams which have emerged as likely promotion candidates have been brought quickly down to earth. They include Palace, Leeds United, Plymouth Argyle, Sunderland, West Bromwich Albion, Sheffield United and even Blackburn Rovers, who are now second to bottom.

On the evidence of Saturday's game at Selhurst Park, Derby County may be about to join that list. Twenty-eight points out of a possible 33 before the game had taken Arthur Cox's team into the thick of the promotion hunt, but this was not a convincing performance.

Derby enjoyed most of the possession in a keenly contested match but in 90 minutes created only one clear-cut chance, when Lillis hit a post eight minutes from the end. Davison and Gee, who have been acclaimed as one of the best attacking partnerships in the division, hardly got a sniff at goal all afternoon.

Micklewhite occasionally threatened down the right wing, but in general only Gregory looked capable of unlocking a makeshift Palace defence — midfield players occupied both full-back positions — splendidly marshalled by Cannon.

Palace, who won with a powerful header by Gray from Irvine's corner after 11 minutes, frequently had to defend in numbers but always looked dangerous on the break. What they lack in class and experience they usually make up for in endeavour and youthful exuberance, a combination which can upset the rhythm of many teams.

"We are quite capable of beating anybody and of being beaten by anybody," Steve Coppell, the Palace manager, said. "It's all a question of confidence and attitude."

Saturday's £40,000 signing of Gary O'Reilly, a defender, from Brighton should bolster Palace's promotion challenge. Mark Bright, whose strength and control often troubled the Derby defence, is also set to join the Palace staff at the end of his loan spell from Leicester City.

CRYSTAL PALACE: G Wood; G Stebbing, A Finnigan, A Gray, G Nebbeling, J Cannon, A Irvine, S Ketteridge, M Bright, I Wright, P Barber.
DERBY COUNTY: M Wallington; M Sage, M Forsyth, G Williams, R Hindmarch, R Maclaren, G Micklewhite, P Gee, R Davison, J Gregory, G Harbey (sub, M Lillis).
Referee: I J Borrett.

- Sunderland defender Reuben Agboola may return to Charlton Athletic for a further loan spell. Agboola recently spent a month with Charlton, but made only one appearance due to injury.

- Tim O'Shea has returned to Tottenham Hotspur following a loan period at Newport County. Danny Maddix is also back at White Hart Lane after a similar spell at Southend.

First division

Aston Villa	0	Nottingham For	0
Leicester City	6	Sheffield Wed	1
Liverpool	1	West Ham Utd	0
Luton Town	1	Chelsea	0
Manchester City	1	Oxford United	0
Newcastle Utd	1	Coventry City	2
Norwich City	1	Charlton	1
QPR	0	Everton	1
Southampton	1	Manchester Utd	1
Wimbledon	2	Watford	1

Yesterday

TOTTENH'M (1) 1 ARSENAL (2) 2
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	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Arsenal	24	15	6	3	41	13	51
Everton	24	14	5	5	47	20	47
Liverpool	24	12	6	6	42	24	42
Nottm For	24	11	6	7	45	32	39
Luton	24	11	6	7	26	23	39
Norwich	24	10	9	5	33	33	39
Tottenham	24	11	5	8	38	29	38
Coventry	23	10	6	7	26	24	36
Wimbledon	24	11	2	11	33	32	35
West Ham	24	9	7	8	37	41	34
Watford	24	9	6	9	40	31	33
Sheffield Wed	24	8	9	7	38	37	33
Manchester Utd	24	7	8	9	31	28	29
Oxford Utd	24	7	8	9	28	38	29
QPR	24	7	6	11	24	31	27
Manchester City	24	6	8	10	24	34	26
Southampton	23	7	4	12	37	46	25
Chelsea	24	6	7	11	28	43	25
Charlton	24	6	6	12	25	35	24
Leicester	24	6	6	12	31	43	24
Aston Villa	24	6	6	12	30	50	24
Newcastle	24	5	6	13	25	42	21

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Ards 1, Glenavon 0; Ballymena 2, Glentoran 0; Carrick 1, Distillery 0; Crusaders 3, Cliftonville 2; Linfield 5, Larne 0; Newry 2, Bangor 0; Portadown 0, Coleraine 3.

GM VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Altrincham 3, Kidderminster 1; Barnet 4, Northwich 0; Boston 4, Welling 3; Dagenham 1, Stafford 0; Kettering 5, Gateshead 1; Nuneaton 0, Weymouth 4; Scarborough 0, Telford 0; Wealdstone 2, Frickley 1. Postponed: Cheltenham v Sutton United; Maidstone v Bath; Runcorn v Enfield.

MULTIPART LEAGUE: Bangor 2, Worksop 0; Barrow 0, Burton 1; Chorley 1, Buxton 2; Gainsborough 2, Horwich 0; Goole 0, South Liverpool 1; Hyde 0, Workington 1; Matlock 2, Caernarfon 1; Morecambe 1, Oswestry 3; Rhyl 3, Mossley 2; Southport 1, Macclesfield 1; [illegible]

Second division

Barnsley	1	Oldham Ath	1
Blackburn Rvrs	1	Portsmouth	0
Bradford City	0	Birmingham City	0
Crystal Pal	1	Derby County	0
Grimsby Town	1	Brighton	2
Leeds United	1	Huddersfield Tn	1
Millwall	1	Stoke City	1
Plymouth Argyle	4	Hull City	0
Sheffield Utd	1	West Bromwich	1
Shrewsbury Tn	2	Ipswich Town	1

Postponed: Reading v Sunderland.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Portsmouth	24	14	6	4	32	16	48
Oldham	23	13	6	4	39	22	45
Derby County	23	13	4	6	33	21	43
Ipswich	24	11	7	6	41	27	40
Plymouth	24	10	8	6	38	31	38
Stoke	24	11	4	9	38	28	37
Crystal Pal	24	12	1	11	34	38	37
Leeds United	24	10	5	9	30	31	35
Millwall	23	9	6	8	28	22	33
West Bromwich	24	9	6	9	31	26	33
Birmingham	24	8	9	7	33	32	33
Sheffield Utd	24	8	8	8	33	34	32
Grimsby	24	7	10	7	23	26	31
Shrewsbury	24	9	3	12	22	31	30
Brighton	24	7	7	10	25	29	28
Sunderland	22	6	9	7	26	28	27
Hull	23	7	4	12	24	44	25
Reading	22	6	6	10	31	37	24
Huddersfield	22	6	5	11	27	37	23
Barnsley	23	4	8	11	22	31	20
Blackburn R	21	5	5	11	18	27	20
Bradford	22	5	5	12	29	41	20

Slough 2; Windsor and Eton 0, Tooting and Mitcham 0; Wokingham 3, Barking 1. First division: Billericay 0, Hampton 2; Boreham Wood 4, Staines 0; Grays 5, Uxbridge 2; Lewes 1, Bracknell 4; Leyton Wingate 1, Southwick 0; Maidenhead United 0, Leytonstone Ilford 1; Oxford City 1, Tilbury 0; Walton and Hersham 1, Finchley 1; Wembley 3, Epsom and Ewell 2. Postponed: Leatherhead v Stevenage. Second division north: Aveley 1, Ware 0; Chesham 3, Wivenhoe 0; Haringey 1, Letchworth GC 2; Harlow 0, Barton 0; Hertford 0, Rainham 1; Heybridge 1, Tring 3; Hornchurch 2, Royston 0; Saffron Walden 2, Hemel Hempstead 1; Vauxhall Motors 4, Collier Row 0. Postponed: Clapton v Wolverton. Second division south: Camberley 1, Ruislip Manor 2; Dorking 3, Hungerford 0; Egham 0, Feltham 3; Harefield 1, Petersfield 2; Horsham 2, Chalfont St Peter 0; Newbury 1, Banstead 1; Southall 0, Eastbourne United 7; Whyteleafe 0, Flackwell Heath 0.

FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Arsenal 7, [illegible]

Third division

Blackpool	2	Brentford	0
Bolton Wndrs	0	Mansfield Town	1
Chesterfield	1	Bournemouth	1
Fulham	3	Carlisle Utd	0
Middlesbrough	2	Newport County	0
Notts County	3	Gillingham	1
Rotherham Utd	2	Bristol City	0
Swindon Town	1	Bury	0
Wigan Ath	1	Darlington	1

Postponed: Bristol Rovers v Chester; Walsall York City.

Yesterday

Postponed: Port Vale v Doncaster.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Middlesbrough	24	14	6	4	38	20	48
Notts County	23	13	5	5	43	22	44
Gillingham	24	13	5	6	37	25	44
Bournemouth	22	13	4	5	35	26	43
Blackpool	22	11	8	3	41	21	41
Swindon	24	12	5	7	38	29	41
Bristol C	23	10	6	7	32	20	36
Wigan Ath	24	10	5	9	43	38	35
Doncaster R	22	10	4	8	35	28	34
Mansfield	24	7	13	4	24	24	34
Chesterfield	24	8	8	8	38	42	32
Walsall	23	9	4	10	41	44	31
Fulham	24	7	9	8	35	37	30
Rotherham	24	6	4	12	29	39	28
Bristol R	21	7	6	8	26	33	27
York	23	7	6	10	30	44	27
Port Vale	22	6	6	10	30	33	24
Brentford	23	6	6	11	27	36	24
Bolton W	23	6	5	12	32	38	23
Bury	23	5	7	11	29	34	22
Chester	22	3	13	6	24	33	22
Darlington	21	5	7	9	24	35	22
Newport County	24	4	8	12	27	38	20
Carlisle	23	5	4	14	22	41	19

Penhill 5, Pewsey Vale 1. Postponed: Park v Highworth.

COMBINED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Concours Trophy: Second round: BAe (Weybridge) 2, Chipstead 3. Premier division: Ash 1, Hartley Wintney 0; Chobham 3, Cranleigh 0; Cobham 3, Frimley Green 2; Farnham 2, Virginia Water 0; Horley 3, Godalming 0; Merstham 1, Farleigh 1; Westfield 0, Malden Town 3.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Barnstaple 1, Melksham 4; Bideford 3, Radstock 1; Bristol City 1, Exmouth 1; Chard 0, Torrington 2; Minehead 0, Liskeard 1; Paulton 0, Chippenham 2; Dawlish 1, Saltash 2; Weston-super-Mare 1, Clandown 0.

HALLS BREWERY HELLENIC LEAGUE: Premier division: Bicester 0, Fairford 0; [illegible]

Fourth division

Cardiff City	1	Stockport	1
Colchester Utd	1	Scunthorpe Utd	0
Crewe Alex	3	Tranmere Rvrs	2
Exeter City	1	Northampton	1
Hartlepool Utd	1	Swansea City	1
Hereford Utd	2	Torquay Utd	2
Lincoln City	2	Burnley	1
Orient	1	Halifax Town	3
Southend Utd	1	Preston N-End	2
Wrexham	0	Wolverhampton	0

Postponed: Rochdale v Aldershot.

Yesterday

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	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Northampton	24	19	4	1	68	29	61
Southend	23	13	4	6	37	25	43
Preston	23	12	5	6	33	26	41
Swansea	24	11	7	6	33	26	40
Wrexham	22	9	9	4	39	24	36
Colchester	24	10	5	9	38	36	35
Lincoln	23	9	7	7	31	30	34
Exeter	24	7	12	5	31	24	33
Aldershot	23	10	3	10	32	32	33
Scunthorpe	23	8	7	8	37	33	31
Peterborough	23	8	7	8	31	28	31
Hereford	24	7	9	8	33	34	30
Cardiff	22	7	9	6	25	27	30
Cambridge Utd	23	7	7	9	36	38	28
Tranmere R	23	7	7	9	32	35	28
Halifax	23	8	4	11	29	34	28
Wolverhampton	24	8	4	12	22	32	28
Crewe	24	6	9	9	36	41	27
Burnley	24	7	5	12	28	39	26
Hartlepool	23	5	10	8	23	29	25
Orient	22	7	4	11	26	35	25
Stockport	23	5	6	12	17	37	21
Rochdale	21	3	9	9	20	30	18
Torquay	22	2	11	9	27	41	17

Congleton 1, Leyland Motors 1; Stalybridge 4, Burscough 0. Postponed: Accrington Stanley v Kirkby; Eastwood Hanley v Fleetwood; Irlam v Penrith; Radcliffe v Leek; Rossendale v Netherfield; St Helens v Glossop; Winsford v Curzon Ashton.

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Fulham 0, Tottenham 2; Gillingham 1, Orient 0; Norwich 2, Arsenal 3; Watford 2, Southend 1; West Ham 4, Ipswich 2. Postponed: Cambridge United v QPR; Portsmouth v Charlton. Second division: Brighton 1, Brentford 2; Reading 2, Crystal Palace 2; Southampton 5, Bournemouth 3; Tottenham 3, Bristol Rovers 1; Wimbledon 1, Oxford United 1. Postponed: Colchester v Swindon. [illegible]

Scottish premier division

Celtic	8	Hamilton	3
Falkirk	1	Hibernian	3
Hearts	3	Clydebank	0

Postponed: Dundee v Dundee Utd; Motherwell v Rangers; St Mirren v Aberdeen.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Celtic	28	18	7	3	59	21	43
Rangers	26	17	4	5	47	14	38
Hearts	27	15	7	5	46	22	37
Dundee Utd	26	15	6	5	42	21	36
Aberdeen	27	13	10	4	39	19	36
Dundee	26	11	5	10	40	34	27
St Mirren	26	8	9	9	26	29	25
Motherwell	27	5	9	13	27	44	19
Falkirk	27	6	6	15	23	45	18
Hibernian	27	5	7	15	22	47	17
Clydebank	28	5	6	17	22	56	16
Hamilton	27	2	6	19	24	65	10

Scottish first division

Airdrie	1	Partick	0
Forfar Ath	1	Queen of Sth	1
Kilmarnock	2	Dunfermline	2

Postponed: Clyde v Montrose; Dumbarton v Brechin City; East Fife v Morton.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Dunfermline	27	14	8	5	41	26	36
Airdrie	28	14	5	9	36	29	33
Morton	27	13	6	8	53	37	32
East Fife	27	9	13	5	41	36	31
Dumbarton	27	13	4	10	40	33	30
Kilmarnock	28	11	7	10	41	34	29
Forfar	28	8	11	9	39	41	27
Queen of Sth	27	8	10	9	37	38	26
Clyde	25	6	11	8	30	32	23
Partick	26	7	9	10	32	36	23
Brechin	27	7	4	16	29	53	18
Montrose	27	5	6	16	21	45	16

Scottish second division

Arbroath	1	Albion Rovers	1
Berwick	0	Ayr United	2
Stranraer	0	East Stirling	3

Postponed: Cowdenbeath v St Johnstone; Queen's Park v Meadowbank; Stenhousemuir v Alloa Athletic; Stirling Albion v Raith Rovers.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Raith	22	9	11	2	45	27	29
St Johnstne	22	10	8	4	35	27	28
Ayr United	22	11	5	6	37	33	27
Meadowbank	20	10	5	5	37	20	25
Alloa	20	11	3	6	29	26	25
Stirling Alb	20	9	6	5	26	16	24
Albion R	21	10	4	7	31	29	24
Stranraer	21	7	6	8	27	27	20
Cowdenbeath	20	8	4	8	27	29	20
Queen's Park	21	5	9	7	29	32	19
Arbroath	22	5	4	13	25	44	14
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[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	13
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	13

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RUGBY UNION

Yorkshire season reaps fine harvest

By Michael Stevenson

Yorkshire 18 Group 4
Lancashire 18 Group 3

After several frenetic car journeys round Keighley, reminiscent of Starsky and Hutch, the 18 Group Roses match finally came to rest on the undulating slopes of the Bingley GS ground at Crossflatts.

If the Yorkshire definition of a successful season is victory against Lancashire, then Yorkshire 18 Group, who only lost to Northumberland, achieved just that, though victory came by only a try to a penalty.

Lancashire, playing down the slope, had the better of the early exchanges, though Mahon, their talented scrum half, tried to do too much, but they were only repulsed by superb defence.

Lancashire did manage an excellent penalty by Dolan but it was significant that Yorkshire's backs were beginning to threaten.

The game's only try, early in the second half, was worth waiting for. Witts looped round Thompson, slipped a tackle and was off on the blind side to put Green in near the right corner flag. A superb break and precisely timed pass by Harrison put Nicholas away again but he was dumped into touch by a swarm of tacklers.

Lancashire had two late chances to snatch the game with a drop goal attempt and long penalty from Dolan but, on the day, justice had probably been done.

YORKSHIRE 18 GROUP: R Thompson (Silcoates); R Green (Richmond), P Hartigan (Ampleforth), G Harrison (Ermysteds GS), J Nicholas (Hymers); A Witts (Silcoates), R Booth (Appleforth); J Priestley (Bradford GS), G Seehouse (Garforth), I Clafton (Pocklington), T Seymour (St Mary's), R Horrocks-Taylor (Bradford GS), J Stamford (Headlands, Bridlington), M Winn (Ampleforth), C Tattersall (Sedbergh).
LANCASHIRE 18 GROUP: A Dolan (Lancaster RGS); K Gill (Liverpool Coll), J Rignall (Cowley), M Fielden (Arnold), A Kutkus (Bishop Henshaw) (rep, S Heath, (Kirkham GS)); E Egan (Stonyhurst), C Mahon (capt, Stonyhurst); P Smith (Rossall), S Seed (Rossall), A Smith (Rossall), S Turner (Lancaster RGS), M Merrick (Rossall), S Beeley (Manchester GS), A Sinclair (Kirkham GS), D Lee (Kirkham GS).
Referee: M de V Roberts (Yorkshire).

WEEKEND RESULTS

TRIAL MATCHES

England	10	The Rest	9
Blues	28	Reds	9

JOHN SMITH'S MERIT TABLE A

Gloucester	15	London Scottish	9

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Ptge
Harlequins	1	1	0	0	16	10	100
Bath	6	5	0	1	132	52	83.33
Leicester	5	4	0	1	64	40	80
Nottingham	4	2	1	1	46	22	62.50
Moseley	8	4	1	3	71	120	56.25
Sale	4	2	0	2	48	37	50
Orrell	4	2	0	2	38	58	50
Bristol	4	2	0	3	68	50	40
Wasps	3	1	0	2	45	49	33.33
Gloucester	6	2	0	4	81	80	33.33
Coventry	6	1	0	5	60	113	16.67
L Scottish	1	0	0	1	9	10	0

JOHN SMITH'S MERIT TABLE B

Blackheath	25	Rosslyn Park	16
London Welsh	19	Northampton	8

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Ptge
Waterloo	7	7	0	0	164	68	100
N'hampton	5	4	0	1	109	49	80
Richmond	8	6	0	2	148	143	75
L'pool/St H	5	3	0	2	76	55	60
Gosforth	4	2	0	2	67	46	50
L Welsh	5	2	0	3	59	76	40
Saracens	5	2	0	3	43	66	40
Rosslyn Pk	8	3	0	5	94	125	37.50
Bedford	6	2	0	4	67	74	33.33
Blackheath	3	1	0	2	39	66	33.33
Headingley	2	0	0	2	18	34	0
L Irish	6	0	0	6	48	110	0

CLUB MATCHES

Abertillery	15	Glamorgan W	12
Birkenhead Park	11	Birmingham	19
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Headingley	19	Leicester	22
Hull and ER	12	Manchester	10
Llanelli	26	Newbridge	19
London Irish	3	Nottingham	36
Maesteg	7	Pontypool	6
Morley	6	Orrell	31
Neath	39	Coventry	4
New Brighton	0	Sale	38
Northern	24	Sheffield	8
Penarth	6	Tredegar	20
Plymouth	26	Camborne	6
Richmond	30	S Wales Police	10
Roundhay	18	Otley	27
Rugby	19	Wilmslow	10
Swansea	14	Aberavon	19
Waterloo	28	Bath	26
W Hartlepool	7	Met Police	18

GIROBANK NORTH WEST LEAGUE: First division: Lymm 29, Mid Cheshire College 8. East: Second division: Metrovick 21, Congleton 6. West: First division: Ormskirk 10, St Edwards 7. Second division: Ruskin Park 15, Hoylake 9.

BASS MERIT TABLE: Bridgwater and Albion 13, Torquay 26; Tiverton 10, Brixham 25.

FOSTER BEARD MIDDLESEX MERIT TABLE: Finchley 8, Mill Hill 44; Harrow 15, Hendon 19; Osterley 7, Centaurs 28.

CORNWALL MERIT TABLE: Penzance-Newlyn 7, Penryn 10; St Austell 3, Hayle 6; St Ives 25, Falmouth 3.

DEVON MERIT TABLE: Crediton 11, Devon and Cornwall Police 9; Sidmouth 0, Bideford 3.

LOMBARD SHIPPING SEVEN COUNTIES MERIT TABLE: Southend 13, Oxford 3.

BISLEY OFFICE EQUIPMENT SOUTHERN MERIT TABLE: Basingstoke 3, [illegible]

HEART OF ENGLAND MERIT TABLE: Bedford Athletic 22, O Northamptonians 0.

GIROBANK EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Ipswich 12, North Walsham 27; O Westcliffians 15, Cambridge 8.

HUNTING GATES HERTS MERIT TABLE: O Ignatians 28, East Herts College 9; O Verulamians 18, Tabard 15.

BBC RADIO KENT MERIT TABLE: Beckenham 7, O Colfeians 30; Canterbury 15, Gillingham Anchorians 16; Thanet Wanderers 4, Betteshanger 16.

OXFORDSHIRE MERIT TABLE: Witney 3, Oxford Marathon 13.

TRUMAN OB MERIT TABLE: O Alleynians 38, O Paulines 3; O Guildfordians 18, O Hamptonians 6; O Walcountians 16, O Wimbledonians 0; Orleans FP 55, St Nicholas OB 0.

ULSTER SENIOR LEAGUE: Second Section: CIYMS 10, Portadown 3.

IRISH: Club matches: Instonians 28, Dungannon 9; Ards 19, Collegians 9; NIFC 17, Queen's University 6; Terenure 27, Academy 10; St Mary's 26, Malone 9.

NORTH: Club matches: Aspull 19, Sefton 0; Barnsley 42, O Rishworthians 4; Bramley 14, Doncaster 6; Bridlington 19, Scunthorpe 0; Burnage 9, Rossendale 15; Bury 42, Littleborough 0; Caldy 6, Southport 6; Chester 10, Huddersfield 12; Chesterfield 12, Newbold 6; Cleckheaton 14, Oldham 19; Davenport 23, Rochdale 0; Eccles 20, O Bedians 3; Harrogate 8, Tynedale 7; Ionians 0, Pocklington 37; Kersal 28, Port Sunlight 0; Leek 17, Crewe and Nantwich 8; Malton 6, O Otliensians 16; Marist 0, Beverley 4; Moore 10, Wirral 46; Newark 28, Sheffield Tigers 12; Northallerton 17, Scarborough 16; Pontefract 11, Sedgley Park 11; Stoke 11, [illegible]

WEST: Club matches: Devonport Services 16, Launceston 8; [illegible]

POOLS CHECK

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* Pools panel decision

CRICKET

Resilient spirit gives England's all-round effort a special merit

From John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent, Perth

It is a long time since an England team in Australia had such good reason to be pleased with themselves as Gatting's do at the moment. Six days after retaining the Ashes in Melbourne, they reached the final of the Benson and Hedges Challenge by beating West Indies here on Saturday by 19 runs.

Their opponents in Wednesday's final will be Pakistan, whom they also meet today in a match which, with Australia and West Indies already eliminated, has become no more than a dress rehearsal.

This Benson and Hedges *Challenge may not be much* more than a jamboree, arranged as a side-show to the America's Cup; but once the *England side had come to* Perth to play in it there was no question of their not giving it their best shot. It has, in fact, proved more of an attraction, locally, that is, than the yachting, the first five matches having drawn some 90,000 people, nearly 40,000 more than watched the five days of the second Test match on the same ground.

For all kinds of reasons England's victory on Saturday was gratifying. To have reached the final without needing to beat Pakistan today removes a possible hassle resulting from two teams being level on points this evening. To do so by getting the better of West Indies, after being put in to bat and making an alarmingly bad start, gave the performance a special merit.

The first three matches of the tournament had been played on the same pitch, one that had become a batsman's paradise. Saturday's game was on a new one and it was damp enough to start with for the first hour's play to provide an unwelcome reminder of England's tour of the Caribbean of less than a year ago.

"Here we go again," we thought, "so much for England's victories over Australia." After eight overs England were 35 for three, 11 of these having come from Marshall's wides and Garner's no-balls. Athey and Broad, so successful as an opening pair against Australia, made only one run between them; Gower was soon gone. But the spirit was now resilient enough and the discipline sufficiently well ordered to make a recovery possible.

Lamb led it, no one giving him better support than Richards, who made a splendid 50. Unable to resort to a bouncer attack because of the one-day rule that effectively precludes it, West Indies had in the end to thank Harper for keeping England's *final total down* to 228 for nine with a marvellous jumping catch at backward cover that got rid of a rampaging *Lamb.*

But before the match was won a great effort was called for from all the England side and they produced it. Small is bowling well; he is also an excellent fielder and no mean batsman. Botham bowled valuably economical overs; Gatting took a brilliant diving catch at square leg, besides running things tightly in the field; and Broad made no mistake when Richards pulled Emburey to deep square leg.

Dujon and Logie were still together, though, having added 74 in 14 overs for the fifth wicket, when the 42nd over started. Needing only 51 from the remaining nine, with six wickets standing, West Indies had got near enough to victory to take liberties, which England's cricket was too efficient to allow.

Dilley, left to bowl six of the last 12 overs, came up with four vital wickets, which won him the man of the match award ahead of Lamb. He bowled straight and fast and well, just when it was needed. England's fielding had also been so good, with Lamb sweeping up in the deep like a *run-scoring machine, that it* was fitting a superhuman stop by Athey at mid-on should have picked up Harper, a dangerous hitter.

That England's victory brought screams of disappointment from many young Australians in the crowd of 12,003, yet such ungovernable delight to Pakistan's team as well as England's, was a compliment to Richards and his side. Pakistan were keener to meet England in the final than West Indies.

England should take the opportunity offered by today's match against Pakistan to give an outing to Whitaker and Foster. Slack and French are ruled out from playing by not being in the squad of 14 that each side had to nominate before these matches started.

The fifth Test begins in Sydney on Friday and after that the West Indians will have plenty of opportunity to exact their revenge, if not on Pakistan at least on England, in the World Series Cup, in which Australia, West Indies and England play each other four times.

By the time that is done, we should know whether West Indies really are a little over the top, as they looked in their first two matches here, or whether, when stung, they are still supreme, as seemed more likely against Australia. Of their fast bowlers, Garner is 34 and Holding 32 and Marshall has a gammy knee; four of their first five batsmen are also over 30. In the end, time is bound to catch up with them.

Scoreboard

ENGLAND

B C Broad c Garner b Marshall	0
C W J Athey c Richardson b Garner	1
D I Gower c Dujon b Garner	*11*
A J Lamb c Harper b Marshall	71
*M W Gatting c Garner b Walsh	15
I T Botham c Greenidge b Harper	11
†C J Richards c Dujon b Garner	50
J E Emburey c Harper b Garner	18
P H Edmonds not out	*16*
G R Dilley c and b Garner	1
G C Small not out	8
Extras (lb 10, w 8, nb 8)	26
Total (9 wkts, 50 overs)	228

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-3, 2-10, 3-35, 4-67, 5-95, 6-158, 7-194, 8-209, 9-211.

BOWLING: Marshall 10-1-30-2; Garner 10-0-47-5; Holding 10-0-33-0; Walsh 9-0-40-1; Harper 10-0-63-1; Richards 1-0-5-0.

WEST INDIES

C G Greenidge b Small	*20*
D L Haynes lbw b Small	4
R B Richardson c Gatting b Botham	12
*I V A Richards c Broad b Emburey	45
A L Logie c Richards b Dilley	51
†P J L Dujon b Dilley	36
R A Harper run out	*4*
M D Marshall b Dilley	7
M A Holding c Edmonds b Dilley	7
J Garner not out	4
C A Walsh lbw b Emburey	0
Extras (b 4, lb 9, w 4, nb 2)	19
Total (48.2 overs)	209

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-9, 2-39, 3-51, 4-104, 5-178, 6-187, 7-187, 8-201, 9-208, 10-209.

BOWLING: Dilley 10-0-46-4; Small 10-1-37-2; Botham 10-1-29-1; Edmonds 9-1-53-0; Emburey 9.2-0-31-2.

Umpires: R A French and P J McConnell.

India make elegant recovery

Cuttack (Reuter) — Dilip Vengsarkar undermined Sri Lanka's hopes of squaring the three-match rubber against India with an elegant unbeaten 98 in the third Test yesterday.

India recovered from losing the early wicket of Gavaskar, trapped leg-before by the medium pace of Ravi Ratnayeke *for five, to end the first day on* 224 for three.

But Srikkanth, Vengsarkar and Amarnath regained the *intiative for India with some* watchful batting. Vengsarkar, who scored an unbeaten century in the second Test, peppered his innings with nine boundaries struck sweetly off the front foot.

He put on 94 for the third wicket with Amarnath and 60 with Lamba in an unbroken *fourth wicket stand.*

With deep shadow making batting difficult, the umpires called off play 6.5 overs short of the stipulated quota of 82 overs for the day when Ranatunga, deputizing for Sri Lanka's captain, Duleep Mendis, who was ill, took the new ball.

The umpires changed their minds 12 minutes later and decided on a resumption. After a further 11 deliveries bad light ended play once more, this time for good.

INDIA: First innings

S M Gavaskar lbw b Ratnayeke	5
K Srikkanth b Ratnayake	*40*
M Amarnath b Anurasiri	38
D B Vengsarkar not out	98
R Lamba not out	24
Extras (b 5, lb 6, nb 8)	19
Total (3 wkts)	224

*Kapil Dev, R J Shastri, †K S More, N S Yadav, Maninder Singh and B Arun to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-18, 2-70, 3-164.

BOWLING (to date): Ratnayake 20-3-57-1; Ratnayeke 12-0-42-1; *E A R de Silva 27-2-65-0; Anurasiri 17-2-48-1; Ranatunga 1-0-1-0.*

SRI LANKA: J R Ratnayeke, S Wettimuny, A P Gurusinghe, P A de Silva, R L Dias, *L R D Mendis, A Ranatunga, R J Ratnayake, †R G de Alwis, E A R de Silva *and* S D Anurasri.

Rumours abound over new tours

From Ivo Tennant, Cape Town

Even before the unofficial Australian tour has reached its zenith, speculation is rife over the make-up of the next team to tour South Africa. In fact, rumours of every sort are rife, even to the extent that Graham Gooch is on his way out.

On face value this would seem unlikely, since Gooch knows that even if he were to come here on holiday he would "get it in the neck", to use his own words.

South Africa is a great place for rumours. Another is that a World XI will be the next roadshow; and another still that a "rebel" World Cup is being planned.

As for these Australians, who are a match down in their series against South Africa, they do not as yet know if they will be invited back. Doctor Ali Bacher, the managing director of the South African Cricket Union, who denied that Gooch was coming out, said yesterday a third tour would lead to over-exposure.

Hughes and his side have been cheered by reports from Australia that they will be welcomed on return. "Come home Kim Hughes, all is forgiven" stated *The Australian* newspaper. He, Alderman and Rackemann were named as but three players who could be *valuable acquisitions to Australia's* Test team.

Inevitably the question is: how many of Hughes' party would *gain places in Border's team?* Alderman has been left out of the first two representative matches here, which is a luxury Border could not afford.

Rackemann is only 26 and, of the others, Smith, Dyson — who made an unbeaten century on Saturday — McCurdy, Rixon, Maguire and Hogg would probably all have a fair chance of being chosen.

At present, though, they have their hands full in trying to save the second match of this series. *On Saturday, before a crowd of* around 10,000 at Newlands, South Africa took their first innings total to 493. It required an innings of considerable resolution by Dyson to stave off a collapse.

Two familiar names in England, Rice and le Roux, featured prominently. Rice, now 37, intends to continue playing in South Africa for as long as he feels competitive; le Roux, who is the wrong side of 30, bowled with considerable zest on an extremely hot day. He found some movement to account for Wessels and Hughes, which was quite something considering the conditions and that this is the flattest of pitches.

SOUTH AFRICA: First Innings

S J Cook c Rixon b McCurdy	6
B J Whitfield st Rixon b Hohns	77
P N Kirsten c Hughes b Hohns	173
R G Pollock c sub b Maguire	66
*C E B Rice lbw b Maguire	72
K A McKenzie c Rixon b Maguire	24
B M McMillan run out	30
G S le Roux c Rixon b McCurdy	13
†D J Richardson lbw Maguire	1
H A Page c Smith b McCurdy	7
A J Kourie not out	2
Extras (b 5, lb 10, w 1, nb 6)	22
Total	493

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-16, 2-177, 3-288, 4-341, 5-407, 6-449, 7-480, 8-483, 9-491.

BOWLING: McCurdy 43-8-133-3; Rackemann 28-7-113-0; Maguire 464-8-116-4; Hohns 40-6-116-2.

AUSTRALIAN XI: First Innings

S B Smith c MacKenzie b Le Roux	2
J Dyson not out	103
K C Wessels lbw b Le Roux	36
**K J Hughes c Richardson b Le Roux*	*46*
M D Taylor c and b Le Roux	0
M D Haysman not out	7
Extras (lb 8)	8
Total (4 wkts)	204

T V Hohns, †S J Rixon, J N Maguire, R J McCurdy and C G Rackemann to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-4, 2-78, 3-166, 4-170.

BOWLING (to date): le Roux 17-6 29-4; Page 17-4-33-0; Kourie 22-6-51-0; Mc-*Millan 14-2-46-0; Rice 12-2-27-0; Kirsten* 3-0-16-0.

HOCKEY

Britain's chance to turn the tables

By Sydney Friskin

The Great Britain junior team who lost 2-1 to the Spanish Juniors at Tarrasa on Saturday have a chance to take revenge when they meet the Spaniards again tomorrow. Many of the British Juniors now in Spain are on trial for possible inclusion in the senior team for the Champions Trophy tournament in Amsterdam from June 18 to 28, and also for the 1988 Olympic Games.

Roger Self, the British team manager, said in Barcelona yesterday: "This match answered a lot of questions as far as we are concerned and I am glad we came. *We did most of the* attacking in the second half but could not cancel out the 2-1 advantage which Spain had gained in the first period."

In Saturday's match Britain took the lead in the second minute from a penalty stroke converted by Camilleri but could not consolidate their position thus enabling the Spaniards to equalize and go into the lead from short corners.

On the domestic front Richmond, who drew 2-2 with Bromley, shot to the top of the premier division of the Pizza Express London League on goal difference although Guildford, who also have 10 points, are a game in hand. Lawless gave Richmond the lead in the sixth minute but Coombes levelled the score 12 minutes later from a scramble. Newton put Richmond ahead again in the first minute of the second half from a penalty stroke but 10 minutes before *the end, Sabin saved the* match for Bromley with a well taken goal.

In the percentage league of the same competition, Maidenhead, who were voted the team of the month for December, lost 1-0 to Dulwich. Henry Robinson scored in the twentieth minute of the second *half, although his* shot appeared to have been deflected into goal by the Maidenhead full-back Adrian Robertson. Maidenhead, who were a little below strength without Maguire, Adby and Cawthorpe, had two shots at short corners by Tyrrell cleared off the line.

Southgate, with most of their players in Barcelona for the Los Reyes tournament, were unable to field a side against St Alban's and conceded the points. Hounslow kept their chances alive with a 4-0 victory over Cheam.

LONDON LEAGUE
Premier division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Richmond	6	3	1	2	14	11	10
Guildford	5	3	1	1	10	8	10
Slough	4	3	0	1	15	4	9
Teddington	*3*	*3*	*0*	*0*	*7*	*4*	*9*
Bromley	6	2	2	2	13	13	8
Southgate	3	1	1	1	5	3	4
Hounslow	4	1	1	2	4	8	4
Surbiton	4	1	0	3	6	10	3
Reading	3	0	1	2	4	9	1
Blackheath	*4*	*0*	*1*	*3*	*2*	*9*	*1*

SKIING

Victor's crouch: Franz Heinzer streamlining during yesterday's downhill race at Laax

Heinzer reasserts Swiss dominance

Laax (AP) — Franz Heinzer held off a strong Austrian challenge yesterday to reassert Swiss domination of World Cup downhill events.

Starting fourth, Heinzer flashed down the 3,320-metre Crap Sogn Gion course in 1min 54.41sec to edge Peter Wirnsberger, last year's downhill cup winner, by 0.35sec. Another Austrian, Erwin Resch, was third, 0.40sec behind.

It was the fourth World Cup victory for the 24-year-old Heinzer. Teammates have nicknamed him "No. 4" because he has been placed fourth more than a dozen times in his five-year-career. "This time, luck certainly helped me a bit as No. 4," he said.

Pirmin Zurbriggen, the Swiss all-rounder, took eighth place but under a complicated scoring system in which only the top five results are counted, he failed to regain the lead in the overall World Cup standings, still held by the Italian slalom specialist Richard Pramotton. But Zurbriggen, who has won two earlier downhills this season, widened his lead in that category to 78 points, closely followed by Heinzer on 76 and a third Swiss, Peter Mueller, on 62.

DOWNHILL: 1, F Heinzer (Switz) 1:54.51; 2, P Wirnsberger (Austria) 1:54.86; 3, Erwin Resch (Austria) 1:54.91; 4, D Mahrer (Switz) 1:54.92; 5, M Mair (It) 1:54.94; 6, D Sbardellotto (It) 1:55.01; 7, C Alpiger (Switz) 1:55.21; 8, P Zurbriggen (Switz) 1:55.48; 9, M Girardelli (Lux) 1:55.62; 10, M Wasmeier (WG) 1:55.69; 11, A Ghidoni (It) 1:55.93; 12, H Hoeflehner (Austria) 1:56.09; 13, B Stemmle (Can) 1:56.19; 14, A Stainer (Austria) 1:56.35; 15, S Wildgruber (WG) 1:56.48. Britain: 57, M Bell 1:59.42; 75, N Smith 2:00.06; 80, G Bell 2:00.81. Standings: 1, Zurbriggen, 78; 2, Heinzer, 76; 3, Mueller, 62; 4, M Wasmeier (WG), 58; 5, Mair, 48; 6, Alpiger, 43; 7, L Stock (Austria), 40; 8, Wirnsberger, 39; 9, Mahrer, 29; 10, Resch, 28. Overall World Cup standings (after 14 races): 1, R Pramotton (It), 118; 2, Zurbriggen, 112; 3, Wasmeier, 104; 4, J Gaspoz (Switz), 100; 5, I Stenmark (Swe), 91; 6, B Krizaj (Yug), 69; 7, Heinzer 67; 8, R Erlacher (It) and P Mueller (Switz), 62; 10, O Toetsch (It), 55.

● Swedish first: Camille Nilsson clinched a historic first World Cup victory for Sweden at Maribor, Yugoslavia yesterday in the women's special slalom.

SPECIAL SLALOM: 1, C Nilsson (Swe), (41.76, 41.83) 1:23.59; 2, V Schneider (Switz), (41.91, 41.93) 1:23.84; 3, C Schmidhauser (Switz), (41.94, 42.43) 1:24.37; 4, M Svet (Yug), (42.48 42.05) 1:24.53; 5, E Hess (Switz), (42.86, 42.17) 1:24.85; 6, M Maierhofer (Austria), (42.07, 42.87) 1:24.94; C Glasser (Swe), (43.13, 42.41) 1:25.54; 8, M Mogore (Fr), (42.40, 43.17) 1:25.57; 9, D Mogore (Fra), (42.95, 42.70) 1:25.65 and C Beer (Austria), (43.15, 42.50) 1:25.65; 11, M Dezman (Yug), 42.98, 42.73) 1:25.71; 12, L Medzihradska (Cz), (43.15, 42.61) 1:25.76; 13, I Ladstaetter (Austria), (42.88, 42.98) 1:25.86; 14, A Gapp (Austria), (42.75, 43.17) 1:25.92; 15, A Wachter (Austria), (43.43, 42.52) 1:25.95. Standings: 1, Hess 72pts; 2, Schmidhauser 68; 3, McKinney 65; 4, Oertli 65; 5, Schneider 59. Overall World Cup standings: 1, Schneider 126pts; 2, M Walliser (Switz) 110; 3, Hess 99; 8 Oertli (Switz) 85; 5, T McKinney (US) 81; 6, Schmidhauser 76; 7, M Figini (Switz) 64; 8, C Quittet (Fr) 58; 9, Nilsson (Swe) 51; 10, M Gerg (WG) 50.

MOTOR RALLYING

Sweltering desert beckons

Algiers (Reuter) — Competitors in the Paris to Dakar rally arrived in Algiers on Saturday, the first African stop on their race through seven countries. The 498 vehicles — 282 cars, 143 motorcycles and 73 trucks — arrived from Barcelona in three ferries. The competitors were to head off into the desert and a first stop in Ghardaia, about 300 miles from Algiers. The route then leads through El Golea, In Salah and Tamanrasset and from there to Arlit in Niger.

Controversy has surrounded the rally since its inception. *Many people see it as the* greatest adventure on wheels spiced by the participation of celebrities, spectacular accidents and other misfortunes. But opponents criticize the event as a flagrant waste of money in impoverished countries.

Tragic incidents are common: Thierry Sabine, the founder of the event, died last year when his helicopter crashed in Mali. Interest this year focuses on a *duel between the Peugeot 205* turbo rally cars, led by Ari Vatanen, of Finland, and the four-wheel-drive vehicles of the Japanese constructors.

TABLE TENNIS

Asian bid to oust Evans

Roy Evans, the Welsh president *of the International Table* Tennis Federation, is in danger of being voted out of office at the World Championships in Delhi this February after 20 years in the post (a Special Correspondent writes).

The move to oust Mr Evans, almost certain to come from Ishiro Ogimura, the body's Japanese vice-president and a former world champion in the 1950s, is a surprise to some because the president *has* been instrumental in getting table tennis accepted as an Olympic sport, and had promised to retire anyway after the 1988 games in Seoul.

However, the Chinese faction appear to be concerned that Asian influence, in a sport in which Asians dominate the playing arena, is under-represented. All four chairmen of the ITTF's most important committees are of European origin.

Mr Evans, aged 77, is one of the last Britons at the head of an international sport. He is both determined to fight the bid and upset by it.

His greatest danger is probably not so much that the Chinese will back Ogimura's expected candidature, but that their influence throughout the third world could be sufficient to sway enough African and Latin American votes against him to remove him.

SQUASH RACKETS

'Raiders' look to plunder under-19 level

By Colin McQuillan

The England under-19 squad earned the soubriquet "Lincoln's Raiders" over the past 18 months through their combined attacks on senior tournaments up and down the country under the direction of the national coach, Bob Lincoln.

In yesterday's quarter-finals of the NatWest British under-19 open championship, at Lambs Club, London, they returned to their own level with resounding effect. Only Ahmed Tahir, aged 18, the Egyptian national champion, survived the power and experience brought to this competition by Del Harris, the defending champion, Paul Gregory and Damian Walker.

Tahir is another in an admired tradition of Egyptian strokeplayers. He defeated Johan Sager, of Sweden, for three points to earn a semi-final place against Harris, the most adventurous shotmaker to emerge recently in England, who at age 17 has already held the *Drysdale Cup for two years.* Harris, from Essex, had little trouble overcoming John Clark, of Wiltshire.

Paul Gregory yesterday defeated Mark Baker, and Damian Walker, from Leicester, beat Stephen Meads, from Berkshire. The winner of their semi-final will be seen as something of a scrapper when compared to the elegance and style certain to emerge from the match between *Tahir and Harris.*

YACHTING

Commanding win shows there are no flies on Murray

From Barry Pickthall, Fremantle

The Taskforce 10 12-metre Kookaburra III, skippered by Iain Murray, was assured of a place in the final America's Cup defence trials yesterday when *she beat her stablemate* Kookaburra II by a commanding nine minute margin.

The result astounded Cup pundits including Alan Bond's syndicate manager, Warren Jones. *Earlier* in the day he had poured scorn on the manner in which the Kookaburra sparring sessions appear so stage-managed by offering Murray an open $5,000 bet on breakfast television that KII would be the winner.

"*When* we came off the water, I immediately rang home to tell the wife we had to sell our America's Cup Ball tickets and her gown, but thankfully, no one had taken up the bet," *Jones* said rather sheepishly last night before adding a sarcastic note, "It's remarkable the amount of speed they have found in 48 hours."

The result now places tremendous pressure on the Bond camp which must win *either* today's *race against Kookaburra II or* tomorrow's match against KIII to be assured of a place in the finals starting in eight days time.

The Taskforce group on the other hand, have the luxury of still deciding whether to drop KIII from the series before tomorrow's final race against Australia IV *even if* the Peter Gilmour skippered KII loses today. However, after yesterday's decisive result, that scenario now seems unlikely.

If the choice of winner amazed other syndicates, it came as no surprise to the two Kookaburra crews who were obviously sailing to orders — as usual. In the final seconds before the start, KIII still had a man up the mast in a desperate effort to close the mainsail luff zipper, *but instead of taking* advantage of the situation, Gilmour meekly *sailed off down* the line, allowing Murray and his crew to recover their composure and gain a leisurely 15 second lead across the line.

But if anyone aboard the two Kookaburras was embarrassed by the contempt they showed for the Royal Perth YC's earlier *insistence that races must never* be thrown, no one showed it, for KIII continued to gain on every leg, rounding the penultimate mark 1min 25sec ahead.

Then, in a *display of* devasting speed that confirmed Murray's sandbagging tactics in previous races, Kookaburra III moved a further two minutes up *on her friendly rival* on this spinnaker run as the "Fremantle Doctor" increased windspeed to 27 knots.

It was impressive performance by Kookaburra *III* whose elapsed time of 3hr 2min 31sec yesterday was 4min 59sec short of the defenders record set by this yacht against Australia III during the second series of trials in November when winds ranged between 16 and 21 knots.

However, this still compares unfavourably with the challenger record set on the same day by New Zealand IV which completed the Louis Vuitton Cup course (which at 24.5 miles, is 0.4 mile longer than the defender's course) in 2hr 56min 28sec — a telling margin that suggests that the 1990 Cup races *may yet be sailed off Auckland.*

DEFENDER TRIALS SERIES D

SATURDAY: Steak 'n' Kidney bt Kookaburra II, 39sec; Australia IV bt Kookaburra II, 0:41. YESTERDAY: Kookaburra III bt Kookaburra II, 8min 57sec; Australia IV bye; Steak 'n' Kidney eliminated.

DEFENDER STANDINGS

	Won	Lost	Pts
Australia IV	28	10	71
Kookaburra III	29	8	71
Kookaburra II	22	15	64
Steak 'n' Kidney (eliminated)	5	31	24

TENNIS

Mandlikova is fully charged for Shriver

From Barry Wood, Brisbane

What promised to be a classic confrontation did not quite live up to expectations as Hana Mandlikova beat Pam Shriver 6-2, 2-6, 6-4 in the final of the Jason classic here. A typically erratic performance saw the Czech claim her first tournament title since the US Open 16 months ago.

There were few rallies to ignite the crowd's excitement. As she had done the day before in her semi-final against Helena Sukova, *it was Mandlikova* who pulled out of trouble in the final set to clinch victory. Shriver led 4-3 and held two points for 5-3, but Mandlikova replied with three service winners and Shriver's greatest chance was lost.

"She just takes it out of your hands," *lamented* the vanquished American. "I think I played fairly intelligently except for four or five points, but my serve let me down a couple of times on some key points where she served well, late in the third set and I didn't."

For Mandlikova, there was relief after a string of defeats in title matches. "I was getting a little discouraged after losing six finals, and its especially good to win after I was cheated out of victory last time I played Pam," she added, referring to her controversial match against Shriver during the Virginia Slims championships in November when a number of disputed line calls saw Mandlikova lose self-control.

"I played better and better the whole week, but still think I can improve my first serve percentage" added Mandlikova. "But I'm sure I shall be in top form for the Australian Open."

The match was played in cool and cloudy conditions in stark contrast to the blazing 30°C the players and spectators endured throughout the week.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Hanley's foresight earns Wigan win

By Keith Macklin

Four teams are jostling for top position in the Stones Bitter first division championship as a result of yesterday's matches. *With St Helens losing for the* third successive time at Halifax, 20-19, the path was clear for Wigan, Warrington and Castleford to join them on 24 points, with Halifax moving to just below the top quartet.

Wigan won with the last move of the match at Widnes. *Throughout the second half,* Pinner, the Widnes international loose forward, had stretched the Wigan defence with his long passes, and Widnes were level at 16-16 when he tried yet again a looping pass in search of the winning try. Ready for it was Wigan's international back, Ellery Hanley, who shot into the gap, plucked the ball down and raced away to score. Lydon's goal gave Wigan a 22-16 victory as the hooter sounded.

That was Hanley's second try; Lydon also got one, and Louw sent in Mordt with a clever reverse pass.

Warrington maintained their runaway form with a 20-6 *victory that completed their* double over Leeds. Roberts got their first try, Ropati scored two and Bishop added the fourth. Castleford foughthard before winning 12-6 at Leigh.

The revival on Humberside continued, with Garry Schofield scoring two tries in Hull's 20-16 win over Oldham, and Hull Kingston Rovers notching a 14-0 triumph at Featherstone.

A late try by O'Shea clinched four victories in six games for Salford against doomed Wakefield, and Barrow enhanced their prospects of escaping relegation by beating Bradford Northern 18-14. It was Northern's fourth successive defeat.

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: Barrow 18, Bradford 14; Featherstone 0, Hull KR 14; Halifax 20, St Helens 19; Hull 20, Oldham 16; Leigh 6, Castleford 12; Wakefield 10, Salford 16; Warrington 20, Leeds 6; Widnes 16, Wigan 22.

SECOND DIVISION: Blackpool 5, Whitehaven 8; Bramley 20, Runcorn 8; Carlisle 17, Sheffield 6; Dewsbury 4, York 8; Fulham 12, Huddersfield 18; Mansfield 14, Batley 6; Rochdale 6, Doncaster 14. Postponed: Workington v Keighley.

FOR THE RECORD

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

UNITED STATES: Colleges: Fiesta Bowl (*Tempe, Arizona*): Penn State University 14, University of Miami 10 (Penn State win national championship).

BASKETBALL

NORTH AMERICA: National Association (NBA): Friday: Boston Celtics 113, Chicago Bulls 99; Detroit Pistons 128, New Jersey Nets 128; Indiana Pacers 116, Los Angeles Clippers 106; Milwaukee Bucks 91, Cleveland Cavaliers 84; Atlanta Hawks 118, Washington Bullets 101; Dallas Mavericks 117 Seattle SuperSonics 107; Houston Rockets 114, Denver Nuggets 111; Philadelphia 76ers 104, Utah Jazz 99; Los Angeles Lakers 155, Phoenix Suns 118; Golden State Warriors 115, Sacramento Kings 109. Saturday: Atlanta Hawks 114, New York Knicks 92; New Jersey Nets 118, Los Angeles Clippers 97; Chicago Bulls 124, Detroit Pistons 119; Houston Rockets 138, Seattle SuperSonics 114; Dallas Mavericks 106, San Antonio Spurs 89; Milwaukee Bucks 104, Cleveland Cavaliers 95; Portland Trail Blazers 118, Denver Nuggets 108.

CRICKET

SHEFFIELD SHIELD: Newcastle: Tasmania 319-4 (N Jelich 126, G Hughes 96) v New South Wales. Brisbane: Queensland 286 and 144-3 (R B Kerr 96 not out), South Australia 236 (D W Hookes 52; M Polzin 7 for 59).

CYCLING

COLOGNE: Six-day race: 1, D Thurau (WG) and R Pijnen (Neth), 350pts; 2, J Kristen (WG) and R Hermann (Lich), 212; 3, S Tourne and E de Wilde (Belg) 154. 4, U Bolten (WG) and P Bincoletto (It), 112, all at 1 lap; 5, G Frank and M Marcussen (Den), 72, 3 laps.

DARTS

KENSINGTON: MFI British Open: MEN: Quarter-finals: B Anderson (Surrey) 2, T Wilson (Essex), 0; C Lazarenko (Surrey) 2, M Gregory (Avon), 1; D Whitcombe (Essex) 2, R Widdows (Middx), 0; S Cusick (Lancs) 2, J Overton (Shropshire), 0. Semi-finals: Anderson 2, Lazarenko 1; Cusick 2, Whitcombe 0. Final: Anderson 2, Cusick 1. Doubles final: Cusick and P Reynolds (Lancs) 3, R Booker and P Saker (Sussex), 2.

WOMEN: Quarter-finals: S Colclough (Staffs) 2, L Batten (London) 1; P Connaughton (Lancs) 2, K Wones (Norfolk), 0; M Mevissen (Neth) 2, D Lingard (Somerset), 1; G Sutton (Cleveland) 2, A Derham (Devon), 0. Semi-finals: Colclough 3, Connaughton 2; Sutton 3, Mevissen 2. Final: Colclough 3, Sutton 2. Doubles final: S Edwards and M Brown (Avon) 3, D Lingard (Somerset) and L *Coombes (Suffolk),* 1.

LACROSSE

BRINE NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Cheadle 18, Boardman and Eccles 3; O Hulmerians 11, Sale 5; O Waconians 11, *Heaton Mersey* 8.

TENNIS

WASHINGTON: Junior championship: Boys: Singles: Under-18: Quarter-finals: R Hertzog (Switz) bt E De Rosa (It), 6-0, 6-2; A Brice (GB) bt N Kollke (WG), 6-1, 6-4; R Camargo (Braz) bt J-Y Blondel (Switz), 6-4, 6-1; E Furusho (Braz), bt A Aramburu (Peru), 0-6, 6-2, 6-2. Semi-finals: Hertzog bt Brice, 6-2, 6-1; Camargo bt Furusho, 6-7, 6-1, 6-4. Under-16: Semi-finals: V Petrushenko (USSR) bt P Le Blanc (Can), 7-5, 6-2; A Cherkasov (USSR), bt G Breznik (Yug), 6-4, 6-4. Final: Petrushenko bt Cherkasov, 4-6, 6-0, 6-3. Under-14: Semi-finals: K Dier (WG) bt N Dekel (Is), 5-7, 7-5, 7-5; W Kyriakos (Braz) bt S Ban *(Yug)*, 4-6, 6-4, 6-0. Final: Dier bt Kyriakos, 7-6, 6-4. Doubles: Under-18: Semi-finals: Hertzog and Blondel bt Furusho and Camargo, 6-3, 6-4; R Tsujino (Japan) and H Karrasch (Can) bt V Egorov (USSR) and S Tzvetkov (Bulg), 6-3, 6-4. Final: Tsujino and Karrasch bt Hertzog and Blondel, 6-3, 0-6, 9-7. Under-14: Semi-finals: C Marsh (SA) and B Madsen (Haiti), bt W Kyriakos and H Barros (Braz), 6-4, 6-2; M Bayh and D Dier (WG) bt N Lorenzini and J Giraldo (US), 6-1, 6-2. Final: Dier and Bayh bt Marsh and Madsen, 6-4, 6-3. GIRLS: Singles: Under-18: Quarter-finals: P Collantes (Peru) bt D Silvestri (US), 6-0, 6-0; B Schultz (Neth) bt K Kschwendt (Lux), 4-1, ret; O Tsarbopoulou (Gr) bt Seon-A Lee (S Kor), 6-0, 6-1; M Eykenboom (Neth) bt N Breen (US), 6-2, 4-6, 6-2. Semi-finals: Tsarbopoulou bt Eykenboom, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4; Schultz bt Collantes, 6-2, 6-1. Under-16: Semi-finals: C Cunningham (US) bt N Dahlman (Fin), 6-0, 6-4; E O'Neill (US) bt D Moringello (US), 6-4, 6-2. Final: Cunningham bt O'Neill, 6-4, 7-5. Under-14: Semi-finals: S Appelmans (Belg) bt L Raymond (US), 6-3, 6-1; C Van Renterghem (Belg) bt L Randmaa (Can), 6-1, 6-2. Final: Appelmans bt Van Renterghem, 6-4, 6-4. Doubles: Under-18: Final: N Dahlman and L Mannisto (Fin) bt Kschwendt and Tsarbopoulou, 6-1, 6-1.

BRISBANE: Jason tournament: Semi-finals: P Shriver (US) bt B Nagelsen (US), 6-1, 6-3; H Mandlikova (Cz) bt H Sukova (Cz), 4-6, 6-1, 6-4. Final: Mandlikova bt Shriver, 6-2, 2-6, 6-4.

ADELAIDE: South Australian Open: Semi-finals: B Scanlon (US) bt N Odizor (Nigeria), 6-7, 6-4, 6-4; W Masur (Aus) bt M Schapers (Neth), 6-4, 6-0. Final: Masur bt Scanlon, 6-4, 7-6. Doubles: I Lendl (Cz) and Scanlon bt P Doohan and L Warder (Aus), 6-7, 6-3, 6-4.

TABLE TENNIS

BASLE: European Top-12: Fourth round: J Persson (Swe) bt M Appelgren (Swe), 12-21, 21-16, 21-16, 21-9; T Klampar (Hung) bt A Grubba (Pol), 17-21, 21-14, 16-21, 21-19, 26-24; *D Douglas (Eng) bt Z Kriston (Hung),* 21-14; 21-15, 21-8; J-O Waldner (Swe) bt A Mazunov (USSR), 21-18, 22-20, 22-20; L Kucharski (Pol) bt C Prean (Eng), 21-17, 20-22, 21-19, 22-20. Fifth round: Waldner bt Persson, 14-21, 21-19, 17-21, 21-18, 21-17; Carlsson bt Mazunov, 21-19, 21-8, 17-21, 18-21, 21-18; Grubba bt Prean, 21-18, 12-21, 21-14, 9-21, 21-12; Douglas bt Klampar, 22-20, 21-8, 21-11; Kucharski bt Kriston, 21-13, 21-15, 23-25, 21-17. Sixth round: Waldner bt Kriston, 21-19, 21-17, 21-19; Carlsson bt Klampar, 21-13, 20-22, 21-11, 22-20; Persson bt Prean, 19-21, 21-16, 21-13, 21-8; Douglas bt Appelgren, 21-17, 21-17, 22-20; Mazunov bt Kucharski, 21-17, 16-21, 13-21, 21-17, 21-13. Seventh round: Waldner bt Prean, 21-16, 21-19, 21-12; Carlsson bt Kriston, 21-15, 21-12, 21-17; Persson bt Klampar, 21-13, 22-20, 16-21, 16-21, 21-16; Kucharski bt Appelgren, 21-23, 21-17, 8-21, 21-17, 22-20; Grubba bt Mazunov, 21-16, 21-15, 16-21, 11-21, 21-8. Eighth round: Waldner bt Klampar 23-21, 22-20, 21-19; Carlsson bt Prean 21-15, 21-18, 21-11; *Persson bt Kriston* 21-14, 21-14, 21-11; Grubba bt Appelgren 17-21, 21-9, 21-17, 19-21, 21-15; Mazunov bt Douglas 21-16, 21-12, 20-22, 21-18. Ninth round: Kucharski bt Waldner 23-21, 21-18, 21-15; Grubba bt Carlsson 21-12, 21-12, 21-17; Douglas bt Persson 23-21, 14-21, 21-15, 21-18; Kriston bt Appelgren 21-17, 21-17, 19-21, 21-15; Klampar bt Mazunov 15-21, 21-19, 21-8, 21-15. Tenth round: Douglas bt Waldner 21-18, 23-21, 21-14; Kucharski bt Carlsson 21-14, 21-12, 13-21, 21-13; Persson bt Grubba 21-18, 21-18, 13-21, 21-16; Appelgren bt Prean 17-21, 10-21, 21-18, 21-18, 24-22; Mazunov bt Kriston 21-12, 21-15, 14-21, 21-8.

WOMEN: Fourth round: O Nemes (WG) bt V Popova (USSR), 21-13, 14-21, 21-17; F Bulatova (USSR) bt L Bellinger (Eng), 21-15, 21-18; B Thiriet (Fr) bt B Batinic (Yugo), 21-16, 21-15; E Kovtun (USSR) bt B Vriesekoop (Neth), 21-18, 21-19; C Batorfi (Hung) bt M Alboiu (Rom), 25-23, 21-14; E Urban (Hung) bt D Guergueltcheva (Bul), 21-15, 21-17. Fifth round: Urban bt Batinic, 21-18, 19-21, 21-9; Bulatova bt Nemes, 21-11, 21-17; Thiriet bt Alboiu, 21-12, 21-11; Guergueltcheva bt Batorfi, 21-11, 21-17; Vriesekoop bt Popova, 21-13, 21-15; Kovtun bt Bellinger, 21-11, 19-21, 21-14. Sixth round: Kovtun bt Alboiu, 21-14, 21-16; Bulatova *bt* Thiriet, 25-27, 21-19, 21-9; Vriesekoop bt Batinic, 21-18, 21-18; Urban bt Popova, 19-21, 21-7, 21-19; Batorfi bt Bellinger, 21-11, 21-18; Guergueltcheva bt Nemes, 21-14, 21-16. *Seventh round:* Kovtun bt Batinic, 13-21, 21-17, 21-8; Bulatova bt Alboiu, 21-14, 21-13; Vriesekoop bt Thiriet, 21-14, 21-19; Batorfi bt Popova, 21-5, 21-14; Bellinger bt Guergueltcheva, 21-15, 21-15; Urban bt Nemes, 21-19, 21-13. Eighth round: Thiriet bt Kovtun 21-19, 21-18; Bulatova bt Batinic *21-9, 21-15;* Vriesekoop *bt Alboiu* 23-25, 21-17, 21-17; Popova bt Guergueltcheva 21-5, 21-14; Urban bt Bellinger 22-20, 21-18; Batorfi bt Nemes 21-18, 21-14. *Ninth round:* Batorfi bt Kovtun 21-19, 21-11; Bulatova bt Guergueltcheva 21-12, 21-11; Vriesekoop bt Urban 26-24, 20-22, 24-22; Popova bt Alboiu 12-21, 21-13, 21-7; Thiriet bt Bellinger 25-27, 21-13, 23-21; Batinic bt Nemes 21-18, 22-20. Tenth round: Urban bt Kovtun 23-21, 21-9; Batorfi bt Bulatova 18-21, 21-19, 21-11; Vriesekoop bt Guergueltcheva 21-17, 21-18; Batinic bt Popova 21-14, 17-21, 21-18; Bellinger bt Alboiu *21-17, 21-9;* Thiriet bt Nemes 21-19, 21-16.

HOCKEY

BRADFORD: Northern indoor women's county tournament: Yorkshire 13, Durham 0; Yorkshire 10, Lancashire Central League 0; Lancashire 17, Durham 1; Lancashire 4, Lancashire Central League 4. Final: Yorkshire 5, Lancashire 4.

LEEDS: Northern indoor women's clubs tournament: Section one: Hightown 8, Carlisle 0; Doncaster 6, Springfields 1; Hightown 5, Bedans 3; Doncaster 5, Carlisle 0; Springfields 2, Bedans 2; Hightown 5, Doncaster 0; Springfields 8, Carlisle 1; Doncaster 5, Bedans 0; Hightown 5, Springfields 2; Bedans 7, Carlisle 3. Overall qualifiers: 1, Hightown 16pts; 2, Doncaster 12; 3, Springfields 6.

ICE HOCKEY

NORTH AMERICA: *National League (NHL):* Friday: Winnipeg Jets 6, Buffalo Sabres 3; Detroit Red Wings 2, Minnesota North Stars 1; Boston Bruins 7, New Jersey Devils 2; Vancouver Canucks 3, Los Angeles Kings 3 (OT). Saturday: Chicago Blackhawks 3, Hartford Whalers 2; Boston Bruins 5 New York Islanders 4; Pittsburgh Penguins 6, Montreal Canadiens 3; New York Rangers 5, Quebec Nordiques 2; Philadelphia Flyers 4, Washington Capitals 1; Toronto Maple Leafs 7, New Jersey Devils 2; Detroit Red Wings 3, Minnesota North Stars 2; St Louis Blues 7, Calgary Flames 4; Edmonton Oilers 8, Los Angeles Kings 1.

PRAGUE: World junior championship: Canada 4, Sweden 3; Czechoslovakia 6, Switzerland 1; Finland 13, Poland 3.

SNOW REPORTS

SCOTLAND

Cairngorm: upper runs, runs complete, surface icy; middle runs, runs complete but narrow, wet snow with icy patches; *lower slopes,* ample nursery areas, wet snow; vertical runs, 1700ft; hill roads, clear; main roads, clear; snow level, 2100ft. Glenshee: upper runs, some runs complete, wet snow on a firm base; middle runs, some runs complete, very wet snow on a firm base; lower slopes, some runs complete, very wet snow on a firm base; vertical runs, 800ft; hill roads, clear; main roads, clear; snow level, 1,100ft. Lecht: upper runs, runs complete, wet snow on a firm base; middle runs, runs complete, wet snow on a firm base; lower slopes, ample nursery areas, wet snow; vertical runs, 700ft; hill roads, clear; main roads, clear; snow level, 2000ft. Glencoe (weekends only): upper runs, runs complete, wet snow on a firm base; lower slopes, runs complete but narrow, wet snow on a firm base; vertical runs, 1300ft; hill roads, clear; main roads, clear; snow level, 2200ft. Forecast for skiing areas today: sunny intervals with scattered snow showers; strong north-westerly winds will lead to some drifting of snow. Outlook for tomorrow: further snow showers; winds becoming more northerly but remaining strong.

● Information from the Scottish Meteorological Office.

TELEVISION AND RADIO

Edited by Peter Dear
and Peter Davalle

The long, long trail is winding again

CHOICE

● **As I Walked Out One Midsummer Morning** (BBC2, 9.00pm) *does for Laurie Lee, on BBC TV,* what Bernard Levin, on Channel 4, has done for Hannibal – trudge in *his* footsteps. Levin, being younger and more sprightly than Lee (and Hannibal, anyway, having long ago shaken the dust of the Alps off his boots), was obliged to put his own best feet forward. Not so Laurie Lee in John King's two films. The voice and the words we hear are unmistakably Lee's, but the body we see is that of an actor called John Wild, a very personable young man with whom, I should imagine, more than one female viewer watching tonight will wish she had walked out with him as he quits Lee's childhood home in the Cotswolds in what is supposed to be a June day in 1934 and heads for Spain for no better reason than that a Spanish girl had once taught Lee how to ask for a glass of water in Spanish. As the films are set in the pre-Civil War thirties, and as the war and much else besides wrought great changes in Spanish town and country, King and his cameraman, John Williams, have worked miracles in excluding anything and everything that might shatter the illusion that what we see *tonight* is exactly what Lee saw as he made his long walk 50 years ago. Part *one, screened tonight, is filled with* beautiful pictures, none more splendid than John Wild's Lee, *standing in Segovia cathedral, hat* in hand and filled with awe, and bathed in the coloured glow of *stained glass windows.*

● **The Middle of the Road Hour** (Channel 4, 10.00pm) is a patchwork quilt of entertainment from HTV West. The road it is in the middle of, is the one occupied by the works of composers like Sondheim, Weill and Kreisler, and a small, eager cast shepherded by Sir Geraint Evans, works hard to get over the message that Beethoven and Mozart did not have a monopoly on the best tunes. It would have worked very well as an intimate musical extravaganza, with nothing added. *Unfortunately, something has* been added: a Bransby Williams monologue rendered by Sir Geraint, *for one thing,* and an interview with the veteran percussionist James Blades who reveals yet again that his were *the drum* sticks that struck both the J Arthur Rank gong and the big bass drum that sent *Churchill's* Victory V booming through the ether. These interludes seem to have strayed in from another show altogether.

● Best of the rest on TV today: the first of **Professor Lewis Wolpert's Royal Institution Christmas Lectures** (BBC2, 4.30pm) which are more serious than you might infer from the overall title : *Frankenstein's Quest.* The same goes for the title of the first film in *Horizon's* new season: *The Twenty-Five Hour* Clock.

● Radio highlights: the BBC SO playing the Beethoven No 1 and and the Bruckner No 9 (on Radio 3, at 8.00 and 8.45 respectively), and **A Wedding of Considerable Interest** (Radio 4, 7.20) which proves that an age gap of 41 years *need not necessarily be a recipe for* matrimonial disaster, and that a Guinness really *can* be good for you...

Peter Davalle

School playground protest: The Growing Pains of Adrian Mole (ITV, 8.00pm)

BBC1

Live transmissions on BBC TV are subject to disruption *through industrial* action

6.00 Ceefax AM.
6.30 *News headlines followwd by* The Flintstones. (r) 6.55 Weather.
7.00 Breakfast Time with Frank Bough, *Sally Magnusson,* and Jeremy Paxman. National and international news at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00 and 8.30; regional news and travel information at 7.15, 7.45 and 8.15; weather at 7.25, 7.55 and 8.25.
8.40 *Watchdog. John Stapleton and* Lynn Faulds Wood with a warning about glossy holiday brochures 8.55 Regional news and weather.
9.00 News and weather 9.05 Day to Day. Robert Kilroy-Silk, Patric *Walker, Jilly Cooper, and a* studio audience, discuss astrology. 9.45 Parent Programme investigates an Aylesbury day nursery which runs a successful anti-racist policy.
10.00 *News and weather 10.05* Neighbours. (r) 10.25 Children's BBC. Philip Schofield with programme news, and birthday greetings 10.30 Play School presented by Elizabeth Watts with guest, Ben Thomas. (r) 10.50 Willo the Wisp. (r)
10.55 Five to Eleven. Penelope Lee with a thought for the day. 11.00 News and weather 11.05 Day Out with Angela Rippon at Symonds Yat. (r) 11.35 Open *Air. Viewers criticize television* programmes. Includes news and weather at 12.00.
12.25 Wildlife Showcase. North *Wood Lynx in pursuit of snowshow* hares. (r) 12.55 Regional news and weather.
1.00 One O'Clock News with Philip Hayton. Weather 1.25 Neighbours. Julie sees Greg in his *real* colours 1.45 Hokey *Cokey.* (r)
2.00 Living with CF. An award-winning documentary about the life of cystic fibrosis sufferer, Nicholas Woodfield. (r) 2.35 The Onedin Line. (r) 3.25 Valerie.
3.50 Henry's Cat. (r) 4.10 Just So Stories. Michael Hordern tells *Rudyard Kipling's tale of How* the Whale Got His Throat. (r) 4.15 The Mysterious Cities of Gold. Animated adventure serial *4.40 Jonny Briggs.*
4.55 Newsround with Roger Finn 5.05 Blue Peter with the latest *news on the Sight Saver* Appeal. (Ceefax)
5.35 Rolf Harris Cartoon Time.
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Sue *Lawley and Nicholas Witchell.* Weather.
6.35 London Plus.
7.00 Wogan. Terry's line-feeders tonight include Jenny Agutter, Laurie Lee, and John Garnett. Plus, a song from Barbara *Dickson.*
7.35 The Golden Oldie Picture Show. Dave Lee Travis presents another selection of old pop songs, re-vamped with the help of videos.
8.00 Test Flight. Part four *and for the students at the Empire Test* Pilots' School it is the time for Pilot Assessment. (Ceefax)
8.30 Three Up, Two Down. Comedy series starring *Angela Thorne* and Michael Elphick as an ill-matched couple living in the basement of their married children's house. (r) (Ceefax)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Julia Somerville and Nicholas *Witchell. Regional news and* weather.
9.30 Film: For a Few Dollars More (1965) starring Clint Eastwood, Lee Van Cleef, and Gian Maria Volonte. The man with no name joins forces with a *bounty hunter in order to track* down a psychopathic killer. The trail leads to El Paso. Directed by Sergio Leone. (Ceefax)
11.35 Late Night in Concert. REO Speedwagon performing at the *Kemper Arena, Kansas City.* (r)
12.05 Weather.

Sir Geraint Evans and singing entourage: The Middle of the Road Hour (on Channel 4 at 10.00pm)

BBC 2

8.00 Ceefax.
1.35 See Hear. (r)
2.00 News and weather. 2.02 Laramie. (r)
2.50 Color Rhapsody. Two Lazy Cows.
3.00 News and weather.
3.03 *The Ascent of Man. Dr* Bronowski's celebrated series begins its first repeat for 12 years. (r) 3.50 News, regional news and weather.
4.00 Pamela Armstrong. This afternoon's guests are, on the *eve of his birthday,* Rowan Atkinson; Gerard Kenny; and Zara the greyhound
4.30 Royal Institution Christmas Lectures. *The first of six talks* given by Professor Lewis Wolpert of the Middlesex Hospital Medical School on the subject Frankenstein's Quest: The Development of Life. This afternoon: First Take an Egg...
5.30 *Troll Wall - The Vertical Mile.* Part one of cameraman Sid Perou's film of the first free climbing ascent of Europe's highest and sheerest rockface.
6.00 Film: Murder Over New York* (1940) starring Sidney Toller as *Charlie Chan,* this time investigating the death of a Scotland Yard inspector. Directed by Harry Lachman.
7.05 *Aucassin and Nicolette.* An animated story of love lost and won.
7.20 Cricket: The Perth Challenge. Highlights of the limited overs game between England and Pakistan.
8.10 Horizon: *The Twenty-five Hour* Clock. This first in a new series examines the work of Dr Hrushesky of Minneapolis University, who, simply by giving cancer victims drugs at a certain time of the day, has *prolonged their life, in some* cases, from weeks to years. It is all down to the body's biological rhythms, as opposed to biorhythms.
9.00 As I Walked Out One Midsummer Morning. In the first of a two-part programme, Laurie Lee retraces his journey on foot from the north to the south of Spain that he took in 1934, *immediately before the* Civil War. John Wild plays Lee as a young man. (see Choice)
10.00 Buddy Bolden's Children. A musical documentary about Humphrey Lyttelton and a hand-picked group of *musicians making a record* playing in the style of the Buddy Boleden Band, a not inconsiderable task seeing that Bolden never made any records.
10.50 Newsnight. 11.35 Weather.
11.40 *Telejournal* presented by Carlos Riera. An informal lunchtime bulletin from Televisa SA in Mexico City. In addition, Maria Almendra, Televisa's London correspondent, once a young soap star, discusses Mexican soap operas. Ends at 12.10.

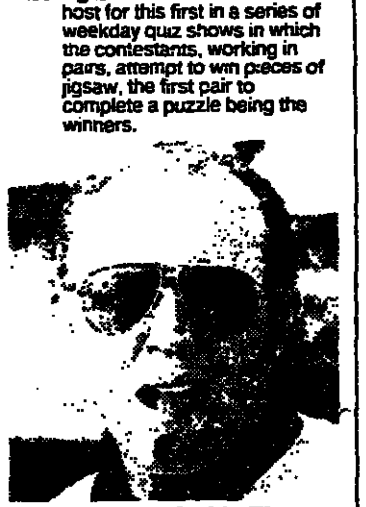
ITV LONDON

6.15 TV-am presented by Richard Keys. News with Adrian Brown at 6.30; sport at 6.40; and exercises at 6.55.
7.00 Good Morning Britain presented by Anne Diamond and Mike Morris. News at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; cartoon at 7.25; sport at 7.40; pop music at 7.55; Jimmy Greaves's television highlights at 8.35. The After Nine guests are Ruby Wax and Russell Grant. Plus exercises at 9.17.
9.25 Thames news headlines followed by Robostory. Cartoon. 9.50 Beyond 2000. Technology of the future 10.40 Wild, Wild, World of animals. The tigers of Kanha. (r)
11.05 Film: Here Comes Trouble *(1948) starring* William Tracy and Joe Sawyer. Comedy about a man with a photographic memory. Directed by Fred Guiol 11.55 Cartoon Time.
12.00 Flicks. A Picture for Harold's Room. *(r) 12.10 Let's Pretend* to the tale of The Duck Who Thought He Couldn't Swim.
12.30 Baby and Co. Miriam Stoppard discusses starting school. (r)
1.00 News at One with Leonard Parkin 1.20 Thames news.
1.30 Film: Press For Time (1966) starring Norman Wisdom. Comedy about the long lost son of a prime minister who is discovered selling newspapers outside the Houses of Parliament. Directed by Robert Asher 3.25 Thames news headlines 3.30 The Young Doctors.
4.00 Tickle on the Tum. Village tales for children: 4.10 The Telebugs 4.20 How Dare You! The first of a new series of the children's programme 4.35 Roadrunner. A new cartoon series 4.45 Dodger, Bonzo and the Rest. (r) (Oracle)
5.15 *Blockbusters.*
5.45 News with Alastair Stewart 6.00 Thames news.
6.25 Help! Viv Taylor Gee with news of AFASIC - the Association for a Speech Impaired Child.
6.35 Crossroads. JT and Adam receive a shock from Nicola.
7.00 Wish You Were Here..? Judith Chalmers reports from the Makarska Riviera in Yugoslavia; Anneka Rice *returns to a childhood resort* on the Isle of Wight; and guest presenter, Shaw Taylor, and his wife sample a new fly-and-drive holiday in the north of Spain and Portugal. (Oracle)
7.30 Coronation Street. Things are not too *happy in the Street* at the start of the New Year.
8.00 The Growing Pains of Adrian Mole. A new series begins in April 1982 with Grandma boycotting Argentine corned beef; Bert Baxter being thrown *out of the British Legion for* claiming the Falklands belong to Argentina; and 'Stick Insect' being pregnant, as well as Mrs Mole. Starring Gian Sammarco, Lulu, Stephen Moore, and Lindsey Stagg. (Oracle)
8.30 World in Action: The State of the Nation. The first of a three-part series looking at life in Britain through the eyes of three families from differing backgrounds - the Earl and *Countess of Aylesford; former* brewery stocktaker Dennis Green and his wife, Olive; and ex-factory worker Fred Read and his wife, Doris.
9.00 The Challenge. Drama mini-series about the background and intrigue to the 1983 America's Cup races. (continues after the news)
10.00 News at Ten and weather, followed by Thames news headlines.
10.30 The Challenge continued.
11.20 Snooker. *The Mercantile* Credit Classic from Norbreck Castle, Blackpool.
12.15 *Tales from the Darkside.* Bigalow's Last Smoke, the story of a psychiatrist's plan to help a patient give up smoking.
12.40 Night Thoughts.

John Wild as Laurie Lee: As I Walked Out One Midsummer Morning (on BBC2 at 9.00pm)

CHANNEL 4

2.00 Snooker. Tony Francis introduces coverage of a Mercantile Credit Classic fifth round match between Stephen Hendry and Danny Fowler. The commentators at the Norbreck Castle, Blackpool, include John Pulman, *Dennis Taylor,* Rex Williams, Ray Edmonds, and Mark Wildman. During the interval, Steve Davis, in the first of a series of teach-ins, has advice on technique for the beginner as well as the expert.
4.30 Jigsaw. Dickie Davies is the host for this first in a series of weekday quiz shows in which the contestants, working in pairs, attempt to win pieces of jigsaw, the first pair to complete a puzzle being the winners.



Tim Pigott-Smith: The Challenge, ITV, 9.00pm

5.00 Hogan's Heroes. Vintage American comedy series
5.30 People's Minds. A repeat of the documentary tracing a fortnight in the life of the Graeae Theatre Company, all of whose members are physically handicapped.
7.00 Channel 4 News with Peter Sissons.
7.50 Comment. Rod Hackney, president-elect of the Royal Institute of British Architects, is *the first of the week's* speakers who will talk about their hopes for 1987. Weather.
8.00 Brookside. Tracy reluctantly goes to work after Doreen insists; Karen goes to London; Bobby suggests Barry does *the same; and Harry exploits* Ralph.
8.30 American Football. Highlights from the second pair of yesterday's *Divisional games* of the Super Bowl.
10.00 The Middle of the Road Hour presented by Geraint Evans. A selection of 'middle of the road' music. Among the guests are the Fairer Sax, Christopher *Warren-Green, Diane Langton,* and Peter Morrison. (see Choice)
11.00 The Eleventh Hour: Magic Hour. A drama documentary exploring the space which television shares with other *leisure activities in our lives.* Ends at 12.00.

VARIATIONS

BBC1 *WALES 5.35-6.00pm* Wales Today. 6.35-7.00 Russell Grant in Brynmawr. 12.05-12.45am Rugby Special (Swansea v Aberavon) 12.45-12.50 News of Wales Headlines and Weather; Close. SCOTLAND 10.50-11.00am Seall Seo 6.25-7.00pm Reporting Scotland NORTHERN IRELAND 5.35-5.40pm Sport 5.40-6.00 Inside Ulster 6.35-7.00 Watching the Wheels *12.05-12.10am Northern Ireland News Headlines* and Weather; Close ENGLAND 6.35-7.00pm Regional news magazines.

ANGLIA As London except: 9.25am Sesame Street 10.30 Cartoon 10.35 Unicorn Tales 11.00 Guiness Book of Records 11.50-12.00 Cartoon 1.20pm News 1.30 Film: Fugitive Family 3.15-3.30 Cartoon 5.15-5.45 Emmerdale Farm 6.00 About *Anglia 6.30-7.00 Survival* 12.15am He Tells us to Go. Closedown.

BORDER As London except: 9.30am Sesame Street 10.30-12.00 Film: Million Pound Note* 1.20pm News 1.30 Film: Pleasure of his Company 3.30-4.00 Sons and Daughters 6.00-7.00 Take the High Road 12.15am Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except: 9.25am Nicholas Nickleby 10.40 Unicorn Tales 11.05 Tarzan 11.55-12.00 Cartoon 1.20pm News 1.30-3.30 Film: Revenge of the Pink Panther 6.00 News 6.35-7.00 *Crossroads* 12.15am Jobfinder 1.15 Closedown.

CHANNEL As London except: 9.28am Sesame Street 10.30-12.00 Film: Wild Pony 1.20pm News 1.30 Home Cookery 3.30 Film: Inspector Clouseau 5.15-5.45 Sons & Daughters 6.00 Channel Report 6.30-7.00 Horses for Courses 12.15am Closedown.

GRANADA *As London except:* 9.25am Granada Reports 9.30am Sesame Street 10.30 *Crime* Casebook 11.00 Runaway Island 11.25-12.00 Connections 1.20pm Granada Reports 1.30 Scramble! 2.00 Film: Angel Who Pawned her Harp 3.30-4.00 Sons & Daughters 6.00 Granada Reports 6.30-7.00 Scramble! 12.15am Closedown.

HTV WEST As London except 9.25am Sesame Street 10.25 Beyond 2000 11.10 Get Along Gang 11.30-12.00 Zack and the Magic Factory *1.20pm News* 1.30-3.30 Film: The Amazing Mr Blunden 6.00-7.00 News 12.15 Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West except 6.00pm-7.00 Wales at Six.

SCOTTISH As London except: 9.30am Sesame Street 10.25 Knight Rider 11.15 Crystal Tipps 11.25 Documentary 11.30 Cartoon 11.35-12.00 *Jacksons* 1.20pm *News 1.30 Live at One-Thirty* 2.00 Film: Death Car on the Freeway 3.45-4.00 Trang Trang 5.15-5.45 Emmerdale Farm 6.00 Scotland Today 6.30-7.00 Scotland's Story 12.15am Late Call, Closedown.

TSW As London except: 9.25am News 9.30 Gods and Heroes 9.45 Champions 10.35 Kashmir Story 11.00-12.00 The Embezzler 1.20pm *News 1.30-3.30 Film:* Thief of Baghdad 6.00 Today South West 6.30-7.00 Emmerdale Farm 12.20am Postscript.

TVS As London except: 9.28am Sesa*me Street* 10.30-12.00 *Film:* Wild Pony 1.20pm News 1.30 Home Cookery 1.35-3.30 Film: Inspector Clouseau 5.15-5.45 Sons & Daughters 6.00 Coast to Coast 6.30-7.00 Horses for Courses 12.15am Company. Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except: 9.25am News 9.30 Sesame Street 10.25 Smurfs 11.45-12.00 Larry *the Lamb* 1.20pm News 1.30-3.30 *Film: Funeral in Berlin** 6.00 Northern Life 6.30-7.00 Cross Wits 12.15am He Is Lord, Closedown.

ULSTER As London except: 9.25am Sesame Street 10.25 Crawy World of Sport 10.50 Cartoon 11.00 Wheelie & Chopper Bunch 11.25 Cartoon: 11.35-12.00 Once Upon a time Man 1.20pm-1.30 Lunchtime 3.30-4.00 Sons & Daughters 6.00 *Good Evening Ulster* 6.30-7.00 Password 12.15am News, Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except: 9.25am Harlem Globe*trotters 9.55 Leave to to Mrs O'Brien* 10.20: Film: Blondie* 11.30-12.00 Desert Raiders 1.20pm News 1.25 Help Yourself 1.30 Film: Fathom 3.20 Home Cookery 3.30-4.00 Country Practice 6.00 Calendar 6.30-7.00 You and EYE 12.15am *Portrait of a Legend* 12.45 Closedown.

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News on the half-hour from *6.30am until 8.30pm then at 10.00* and 12.00 midnight

5.30am Adrian John 7.00 Mike Smith's Breakfast Show 9.30 Simon Bates 12.30pm Newsbeat (Ian Parkinson) 12.45 Gary Davies 3.00 Steve Wright

5.30 Newsbeat (Ian Parkinson) 5.45 Bruno Brookes 7.30 Janice Long 10.00-12.00 John Peel. VHF Stereo Radios 1 & 2: 4.00am As Radio 2 10.00pm As Radio 1 12.00-4.00am As Radio 2.

Radio 2

MF (medium wave). Stereo on VHF

News on the hour. Sports Desks 1.05pm, 2.02, 3.02, 4.02, 5.05, 6.02, 6.45 (mf only), 9.55. *Cricket: England v Pakistan from* Perth at 4.02am, 5.02, 6.02, 7.07, 8.07, 8.31, 9.02, 10.02, 11.02, 12.02pm.

4.00am Colin Berry 5.30 Ray Moore 7.30 Derek Jameson 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.00 Jimmy Young

1.05pm David Jacobs 2.00 Maggie Philbin 4.00 Hughie Green 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Alan with Dance Band Boys 8.30 Big Band *Special (BBC Big Band)* 9.00 Humphrey Lyttelton (with Jazz on record) 10.00 Some of These Days (Quiz game) 10.30 Star Sound 11.00 Brian Matthew

1.00am Steve Madden 3.00-4.00 A Little Night Music.

WORLD SERVICE

6.00 Newsdesk (until 6.30) 7.00 News 7.09 Twenty-Four Hours 7.30 Runyon's Guys and Dolls 8.00 News 8.09 Reflections 8.15 Wind in the Willows 8.30 Anything Goes 9.00 News 9.09 Review of the British Press 9.15 Good Books 9.30 Financial News 9.40 Look Ahead 9.45 Peebles' Choice 10.00 News 10.01 A Word in Edgeways 10.30 The Record Makes 11.00 News 11.09 News About Britain 11.15 Hard Knocks (until 11.30) 12.00 Radio Newsreel 12.15 Just a Minute 12.45 Sports Roundup 1.00 News 1.09 Twenty-Four Hours 1.30 Bing and Friends 2.00 Outlook 2.45 Double Divan 3.00 Radio Newsreel 3.15 A Word in Edgeways 3.45 Sounds of the Sixties 4.00 News 4.09 Commentary 4.15 Computer World 4.30 Great Organists Play Bach 4.45 World Today 5.00 News 5.09 Book Choice (until 5.15) 8.00 News 8.09 Twenty-Four Hours 8.30 Sports International 9.00 News 9.01 Network UK 9.15 Great Organists Play Bach 9.30 Record Makers 10.00 News 10.09 World Today 10.25 Book Choice 10.30 Financial News 10.40 Reflections 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.00 News 11.09 Commentary 11.15 Computer World 11.30 Multitrack 1 12.00 News 12.09 News About Britain 12.15 Radio Newsreel 12.30 Bing and Friends 1.00 News 1.01 Outlook 1.30 Short Story 1.45 Computer World 2.00 News 2.09 Review of the British Press 2.15 Network UK 2.30 Sports International 3.00 News 3.09 News About Britain 3.15 World Today 3.30 John Peel 4.00 Newsdesk 4.30 Music of Weber (until 4.45) 5.45 World Today. All times in GMT

Radio 3

6.55 Weather. 7.00 News
7.05 Morning Concert: Grieg (Peer Gynt suite No 1:RPO), Larsson (Little Serenade, Op 12: Stockholm Sinfonietta, conducted by Esa-Pekka Salonen), Wieniawski (Violin Concerto No 2: Perlman and Paris Orchestra, conducted by Daniel Barenboim). 8.00 News
8.05 Concert (continued): Handel (ConcertoGrosso in E minor, Op 6 No 3: English Concert, conducted by Trevor Pinnock), Mozart (Fra cento affanni: Gruberova, soprano, with Salzburg Mozarteum Orchestra under Hager), Mendelssohn (Symphony No 4: the Italian: Academy of St Martin-in-Fields, under Sir Neville Marriner). 9.00 News
9.05 This Week's Composer: Schubert. *Die Sterne* (with Fischer-Dieskau, baritone, and Sviatoslav Richter, piano), Piano Trio in *B flat, D898 (Beaux Arts* Trio), Auf dem Strom, D 943 (Ameling, soprano, Studebaker, horn and Gage, piano)
10.00 Max Reger: Romances in G and D, Op 51 Nos 1 and 2 (Maik, violin with Berlin RSO, conducted by Uros Lajovic), Symphonic prologue for tragedy *(Berlin RSO, conducted by* Gerd Albrecht)
10.55 Saint-Saens and Martinu: Laszlo Horvath (clarinet), Klara Kormendi (piano). Saint-Saens (Sonata in E flat), Martinu *(Sonatina)*
11.30 BBC Scottish SO (under Sarasta), with Frans Helmerson (cello). Dvorak (Cello Concerto), Sibelius (Suite mignonne), Uuno Klami (Kalevala suite). Interval reading at 12.10. 1.00 News
1.05 Piano recital: Christian *Blackshaw plays* Beethoven's Sonata in E minor, Op 90, and Schumann's Fantasie in C, Op 17
2.00 Music Weekly: with Michael Oliver. Includes *conversations with Josephine* Barstow and Bryan Magee about the Penderecki opera The Black Mask. Also a feature on the Bate Collection of Historical Instruments in Oxford (r)
2.45 New Records: Vaughan Williams (March: Sea Songs; Toccata Marziale: Central Band of the RAF, conducted by Eric Banks), Tallis (Tunes for Archbishop Parker's Psalter: Tallis Scholars), William Hurstone (Sonata in D: Charlds Tunnell, cello and Susan Tunnell, piano). Quilter (Three Shakespeare Songs Op 6: Wilson-Johnson, baritone with David Owen Norris, piano), Ireland (Piano Concerto in E flat: *Tozer with Melbourne* SO), Bush (A maid peerless and other songs: Valerie Hill, soprano), Walton (Five *Bagatelles: Kayath,* guitar), Bridge (The Sea suite: Ulster Orchestra, conducted by Vernon *Handley*). 4.55 News
5.00 Mainly for Pleasure: Jeremy Siepmann with another of his selections of *recorded music*
6.30 'Nederlands Orgel: Ton Koopman at the organ of Krewerd, in the Netherlands. Works by *Gisbert* Steenwick (including La grevelinde and Heiligh, saligh Bethlehem), Berff (La *princesse ballet music*), Sweelinck (Toccata, Fantasia and Malle Sijman).
7.00 The Temptation of the Rabbi: Denis Lill reads the story by Eugene Dubnov, translated by Simon Evnine and the author
7.20 Medtner Piano Sonatas: Hamish Milne plays Sonata in F minor, Op 5 (first *of eight programmes*)
8.00 BBC SO (under Gunter Wand). Part one. Beethoven (Symphony No 1)
8.25 One Street, One Church and One Idea: Carole Rosen's compilation of memories of *Bucharest* before the Second World War. The readers are Gwen Cherrell, Richard Durden and David de Keyser
8.45 Concert (continued): Bruckner (Symphony No 9).
10.00 Jazz Today: Charles Fox presents Trevor Watts' *Moiré* Music (includes Watts on alto and soprano saxophones
11.00 Fine Arts Quartet: Mozart's Quartet in B flat, K 589 and Bartok's Quartet No 2
11.57 News. 12.00 Closedown

Radio 4

On long wave (s) stereo on VHF
5.55 Shipping 6.00 News Briefing; Weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day (s)
6.30 Today, incl 7.00, 8.00 Today's News 6.45 Business news 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 News Summary 7.25, 8.25 Sport 7.45 Thought for the Day
8.35 The Week on 4
8.43 The House at Pooh *Corner, read by Alan* Bennett. Part one. 8.57 Weather; Travel
9.00 News
9.05 Start of the Week with Richard Baker and guests.(s)
10.00 *News;* Money Box. Louise Botting and guests answer listeners' questions about *personal finance.*
10.30 Morning Story: Finding Out, by *Elizabeth* Evans.Read by Mary Wimbush.
10.45 Daily Service. New Every Morning, page nine. (s)
11.00 News; Travel. Down Your Way. Brian Johnston goes to Cardiff, capital of Wales (r)
11.48 Poetry Please! *Listeners'* requests. Presented by Charles Tomlinson. Read by Diana Bishop and Tim Pigott-Smith.(s)
12.00 News; You and Yours. A review of thee most bizarre consumer news of 1986. With Malcolm Stacey.
12.27 *King Street Junior 1.* Priorities. Back to school for a troublesome start to the Spring Term . With Peter Davison and *James Grout.* 12.55 Weather
1.00 The World at One; News
1.40 The Archers 1.55 Shipping
2.00 News; Woman's Hour, with Jenni Murray. A solicitor, a barrister and an accountant examine the legal and financial *implications of divorce.* And Sarah Badel reads episode one of Terry Pratchett's Equal Rites.
3.00 News; The Afternoon Play: A Bullet in the Ballet, by Caryl Brahms and S J Simon. With Nickolas Grace, Trevor Nichols, Sean Phillips, Vladek Sheybal and Peter Woodthorpe in the cast. (s)
4.30 Kaleidoscope. Michael Oliver looks at some paperbacks currently on the *shelves. They include* works by Rudyard Kipling.
5.00 PM News magazine 5.50 Shipping 5.55 Weather
6.00 The Six O'Clock News
6.30 Quote . . . Unquote. The quotations game. With *Nigel Rees, Sir David Hunt,* Miles Kington, Peter Jeffrey, and Freddie Trueman. (s)
7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 A Wedding of *Considerable Interest. It* was love at first sight in 1903 for 26-year-old Grace Hurditch, and the Rev Henry *Grattan Guinness, who* was 67. Their granddaughter-in-law, Michele Guinness, tells of *their love story. With* Brigit Forsyth and Joss Ackland.
7.45 Science Now. Peter Evans explores the latest research developments atthe Royal Institution in London.
8.15 The Monday Play: In the Venn Country, by John Hall . Can the Rev Ron Vole *prevent the Venns from* being made homeless by the bailiffs ?. With Philip Bond, Margot Young, David Jackson, Elizabeth Lindsay and Richard Warick in the cast.(s)
9.45 *Kaleidoscope. Paul Allen* discovers what there is about Glasgow that makes it such an artistic city.
10.15 A Book at Bedtime: The Hottentot Room, by Christopher Hope 10.29 *Weather*
10.30 The World Tonight
11.15 The Financial World Tonight
11.30 Gordon the Escapist. What is the single identity behind Josephine Tey, novelist, Gordon Daviot the playwright and Elizabeth Mackintosh, *PT teacher? An inquiry by* Joanna Hickson. Those taking part include Sir John Gielgud, Gwen Frangcon-Davies, and Allan Massie (r)
12.00 News; Weather 12.33 Shipping
VHF (available in England and S Wales only) as above except 5.55-6.00am Weather; Travel 1.55-2.00pm Listening Corner

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Centenary stakes spur Arsenal to a memorable win

By Clive White

Tottenham Hotspur	1
Arsenal	2

Arsenal boldly underlined their nationwide supremacy, not forgetting that of North London, in their hundredth League derby against Tottenham Hotspur at White Hart Lane yesterday. It was a pulsating match that graced the presence of so many famous names from bygone derbies between these two great clubs.

As the lepers of European club football, it was the sort of game you wished that the Continent could have been watching, so that they could see the vibrantly healthy competition they are missing. It had all the finest English qualities: strength, pace, spirit and not least of all, delicate skill that made you wonder how it could survive in such a vigorous environment.

It was a compliment to the players and the referee that only one player from either side was booked, Hoddle, of Tottenham, surprisingly, and Williams, of Arsenal, not so surprisingly, although it took 71 minutes for his petulance and cynicism to be punished.

The introduction of a host of former "champions" from either side stretching down the years helped create further a "big fight" atmosphere. If this Arsenal team have yet to be crowned champions themselves, they opened with the channelled aggression of Mike Tyson, another heir-apparent to undisputed supremacy.

They swarmed over the challengers, catching them cold in the fifth minute before stunning them again five minutes before half time. Tottenham picked themselves up off the floor four minutes later but thereafter, were always running into Arsenal's rigid defence, the deep-lying strength of this team.

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David Pleat, the Tottenham manager said: "They have great stickability. We half gifted them two goals but you can't take any credit away from them. The test will come when they've been beaten." And he added a warning which one sensed was on behalf of both clubs when he said: "Sooner or later we will get it away from Merseyside. I don't think there's any doubt about that."

Tottenham were still reeling from a shot by Anderson which Danny Thomas stopped short of the line when Sansom crossed back into Quinn. This time, the young giant stooped to head into space and Adams, marginally quicker to the ball than Clemence, forced a ricochet over the goalkeeper's head for his sixth and probably most significant goal of the season.

Arsenal continued to force the blistering pace as Rocastle struck a post and Hayes sprinted half the length of the field with a run which must have un-nerved Tottenham supporters even if the finish was unthreatening. Then, seven minutes before half time, Nicholas played a fine ball through the gap to Hayes and Danny Thomas pursued him and brought him down on the fringe of the penalty area. Rocastle back-heeled the free kick to Davis, who slotted it home through the Tottenham wall with no great power.

Mitchell Thomas, returning after a two-match absence with an ankle injury, limped out of the action after nine minutes following a scything tackle by Adams, but returned two minutes later to play an important part in the occasion. In the midst of the mounting frenzy, Clive Allen plucked out a moment's relief to stroke a pass calmly out to Hoddle, who clipped in a diagonal ball which comprehensively defeated the Arsenal defence; Mitchell Thomas converted at the far post.

Ardiles, deputising for the injured Hodge, submerged himself in the derby with great commitment until substituted by Claesen in the 76th minute, as was Quinn by Rix for his first game since September 23.

The action remained hypnotic but for all Tottenham's pressure in the second half, one felt that there was little they could do to give a twist to the tale that was unfolding. There was an inevitability about Arsenal's nineteenth game without defeat which was confirmed in the final minute, when Paul Allen, *fighting free of Adams'* clutches, crossed into the penalty area and Claesen was flattened by Anderson in a most convenient collision.

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR: R Clemence; D Thomas, M Thomas, O Ardiles (sub, N Claesen), R Gough, G Mabbutt, C Allen, P Allen, C Waddle, G Hoddle, A Galvin.
ARSENAL: J Lukic; V Anderson, K Sansom, S Williams, D O'Leary, A Adams, D Rocastle, P Davis, N Quinn (sub, G Rix), C Nicholas, M Hayes.
Referee: R G Milford.

Charlie in charge: Arsenal's Nicholas evades Tottenham's Gough (right) and Paul Allen (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

Bates in ticket row

By a Special Correspondent

Luton Town are seething over the way some of Chelsea's notorious supporters were helped by Ken Bates, the Stamford Bridge chairman, to attend Saturday's game at Kenilworth Road and wondered how many of Chelsea's official visitors were good supporters.

Bates is opposed to Luton's *membership scheme and* their ban on away fans. He led a directors' boycott of the match. But Chelsea accepted their allocation of 18 seats and John Smith, Luton's chief executive, said yesterday: "The people who claimed directors seats were not the normal VIPs. They were refused admission.

"Another 50 Chelsea fans were let in, on the normal allocation of complimentary tickets. Plain clothes police officers said that some of those Chelsea fans were kept under observation at Chelsea.

"A further 60 obvious Chelsea *supporters* were *turned* away. You wonder if Chelsea or Mr Bates show a responsible attitude. We have no proof that tickets went to troublemakers, but it was the *first time police have had to* patrol the visiting section."

Mr Smith said yesterday: "We only ask clubs to let us try our experiment and keep an open mind until we see how things work out. We are all interested in doing what is best for football and there has not been a single match day arrest, inside or outside the ground, since the membership scheme was introduced at the start of the season.

"We seem to be beating the hooligans and our local support at matches is going up all the time." The crowd attendance was *10,556, a drop of* 164 on the corresponding fixture last season, when 1,457 Chelsea fans attended.

Mr Bates rang club officials on Saturday night for a "how did things go" briefing from Monte Carlo, where he was on a weekend business trip. He *had instructed that* Chelsea's allocation of 18 seats should be go to close club followers, including one blind supporter.

Charlton escape charges

By Gerry Harrison

Charlton will learn with relief this morning that Southend referee, David Axcell, has decided to take no action over the incident where he was knocked unconscious by irate Charlton players — a decision which will almost certainly save them from serious charges by the Football Association.

The incident occurred when Wayne Biggins scrambled a 75th minute equalizer. Charlton's players, claiming the ball had not crossed the line, angrily remonstrated with the referee. Mark Aizlewood, a defender, admitted grabbing Mr Axcell by the arm and as the referee turned to get away from the confrontation he collided with Mark Reid. Mr Axcell fell backwards, hitting his head heavily on the ground.

Although there were various post-match versions of what happened the clearest evidence is the television video of the game which I have seen a number of times. As Mr Axcell turned away from Aizlewood's attentions he certainly *collided heavily* with Reid who had sprinted from the goalmouth towards the referee.

But Mr Axcell's interpretation after a "bad night, a morning in bed and a stroll to clear my head", was as bold as his decisions during the game.

"I will ring the FA in the morning and tell them they will be getting no report from me unless they specifically require one. I have looked at the video and I'm sure it was an accident as I was at the time.

"I know it could appear that whoever I collided with had his hands up but I honestly don't feel he meant to do me any harm.

"I was perfectly placed to see that the ball had crossed the line. The reaction of disappointed players was a natural one. The rule is — get away. As I did that the accident happened.

"If it had been a tough game I might have interpreted things differently. But I felt I was well in control, behaviour was good, then this happened."

Charlton left Carrow Road complaining that decisions by two officials had robbed them of two points, first by awarding Norwich a disputed equalizer, then by disallowing what would have been a late winner.

Even so, it would be ungenerous of Charlton's players to feel too aggrieved about the stand-in referee, Paul Healy, disallowing the late goal by Melrose and awarding a free kick to Charlton instead. After all, they have a point and Mr Axcell has made his.

NORWICH CITY: B Gunn; I Culverhouse, A Spearing, S Bruce, M Phelan, I Butterworth, I Crook, K Drinkell, W Biggins, R Rosario (sub, T Putney), D Gordon.
CHARLTON ATHLETIC: R Bolder; J Humphrey, M Reid, G Shipley, S Thompson; P Shirtliff, M Stuart, A Peake, J Melrose, M Aizlewood, C Walsh.
Referee: D Axcell sub P Healy

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CRICKET

West Indies return to form as Greenidge scores 100

From John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent, Perth

After West Indies had been beaten by England in the Benson and Hedges Challenge on Saturday, Vivian Richards described their cricket in their first two matches as having been "a little bit diabolical". Not since 1981 had they lost two successive one-day internationals.

Yesterday, against Australia, in what amounted to a play-off for third place, they showed more of their customary form, winning by 164 runs. West Indies, having been put in, made 255 for eight and then bowled Australia out for a forlorn and feeble 91.

With only Greenidge and Holding getting any runs to speak of for them, West Indies did have something of a struggle with the bat. At 180 for six, with only eight overs left, *there was no certainty* that they would get enough runs. But Holding survived an early chance to long-off and it was all West Indies after that.

It is not the perfectly true pitch that the one used for the first three of these matches was. This was shown up more *clearly by the West Indian* bowlers than Australia's. I thought, too, that the West Indians got away with a little too much short-pitched bowling. It would be quite wrong, though, to suggest that this affected the result.

Greenidge's hundred was his seventh in 78 one-day internationals. Only Haynes and Richards, both with eight, have made more than that. Gower and Zaheer Abbas have also made seven.

Border batted 11 overs for nine runs and for Australia Waugh alone reached double figures. They looked so little like *making a challenge* that changes must surely be made in their side for the fifth Test.

Boon will have to go and Zoehrer is expected to, the latter not least because of his language. MacLeay made a good impression as a strong and accurate bowler.

Teamwork scores

Mike Gatting, the England captain, said of his team's victory over West Indies: "It was a great team effort. We didn't exactly get off to a tremendous start but Allan Lamb and Jack Richards played marvellous innings for us and everyone else chipped in. When they batted we fielded and bowled tremendously well.

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WEST INDIES	
C G Greenidge b Waugh	100
D L Haynes c Zoehrer b MacLeay	18
H A Gomes b O'Donnell	18
*I V A Richards lbw b O'Donnell	13
A L Logie b Reid	13
†P J Dujon c Zoehrer b O'Donnell	9
R A Harper c Zoehrer b O'Donnell	2
M A Holding not out	53
J Garner lbw b McDermott	1
A H Gray not out	10
Extras (lb 13, w 3, nb 2)	18
Total (8 wkts, 50 overs)	255

C A Walsh did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-46, 2-95, 3-127, 4-176, 5-176, 6-180, 7-203, 8-210.
BOWLING: Reid 10-2-40-1; MacLeay 10-1-29-1; McDermott 10-0-67-1; Waugh 10-0-41-1; O'Donnell 10-0-65-4.

AUSTRALIA	
D C Boon b Garner	2
G R Marsh c Richards b Gray	5
D M J Jones c Harper b Garner	2
*A R Border c Greenidge b Holding	9
G A Bishop c Dujon b Holding	7
S R Waugh b Harper	29
S P O'Donnell lbw b Harper	8
K H MacLeay c Logie b Holding	5
†T J Zoehrer lbw b Gray	4
C J McDermott c Gomes b Gray	7
B A Reid not out	1
Extras (lb 5, w 2, nb 5)	12
Total (35.4 overs)	91

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-4, 2-12, 3-16, 4-25, 5-36, 6-66, 7-78, 8-78, 9-89, 10-91.
BOWLING: Garner 6-2-10-2; Gray 7.4-0-9-3; Walsh 6-1-11-0; Holding 10-1-32-3; Harper 6-1-24-2.
Umpires: A R Crafter and S G Randell.

Worcester to go electric

By Chris Moore

Worcestershire announced their second major sponsorship deal in 24 hours over the weekend after agreeing a three-year package, believed to be one of the most lucrative *in county cricket, with the* Midlands Electricity Board.

This follows the previous day's announcement of a £100,000 sponsorship agreement, also over three years, with The Carphone Group, who are based in Somerset.

Both deals are a direct result of Worcestershire's impending signing of Ian Botham, who is set to join the county when Duncan Fearnley, Worcestershire's chairman, flies to Australia this week.

Neither Worcestershire nor the MEB are making public how much the deal is worth. But Fearnley said last night: "It will mean we could become one of the best-equipped clubs in the country." Already a set of covers similar to those used at Wimbledon has been earmarked.

Worcestershire's players will wear the MEB motif on their shirts and cricket sweaters.

SNOOKER

Davis gets the better of Meo

Steve Davis, the world No. 1, outclassed his doubles partner, Tony Meo, 5-2 to reach the quarter-finals of the £250,000 Mercantile Credit Classic at Blackpool yesterday. Davis, aiming to win his second *successive ranking tournament* after taking the Tennents UK title at the end of last year, encountered few problems against his Romford Matchroom stablemate and now meets John Parrott on Wednesday.

Davis, who had beaten Meo 10 times in 11 meetings before this fifth-round match, looked in prime form as consecutive breaks of 61 gave him a 2-0 lead. He went two points better with a 63 in frame three, which he took 88-13. Meo took the fourth frame 75-28 to pull back to 3-1 and reduced the lead further by taking the fifth frame.

Davis, however, kept his composure to restore his two frame cushion, taking the sixth *55-10 with the aid of a break of* 44.

TABLE TENNIS

Douglas supreme

From a Special Correspondent, Basle

Desmond Douglas became the first Englishman to win the European Top Twelve tournament when he produced a remarkable finishing burst to snatch the title with eight wins when it seemed his chance had slipped through his fingers as it has three times before.

There has never been any *doubt that the Birmingham* left-hander has had the talent to win a leading title but what made this victory particularly unusual was that at 31 years of age he should triumph over an 11-match best-of-five game format regarded as the most demanding in the world.

Douglas did so with a sequence of breathtaking brilliance. In succession he outplayed the title holder, Jan-Ove Waldner, in straight games, the European champion Jurgen Persson in four games, and outclassed Ulf Carlsson, the man who eliminated him from the European championships.

The 3,000 crowd had long since adopted the Jamaican-born player as their favourite. Their noisy involvement all helped to put pressure upon Andrzej Grubba, the Saturday night leader who needed only to win one of his last two matches after a surprise defeat for Douglas early yesterday morning to the leading player *from the Soviet Union,* Andrei Mazunov. But first Grubba was beaten by Persson and then he disintegrated in straight games to Waldner — a defeat that saw the likeable Pole hurl his bat into the advertising hoardings in disappointment and frustration.

Douglas, by contrast, possessed the biggest smile anyone can remember. "I can hardly believe it," he kept repeating, "I thought I had blown it by losing to Mazunov, but I thought before the tournament I still had a chance of winning it."

That he did so was a tribute to exceptional fitness and outstanding motivation.

BASKETBALL

MIM lose initiative and match

By Nicholas Harling

There could be few greater claims to election to the proposed breakaway British Basketball League next season than to go armed with the ammunition of winning an international club tournament. Murray International Metals Livingstone, who are in dispute with the Scottish Basketball Association for refusing to sanction their application for membership, would have had an irrefutable case had they won the *World* Invitation Club Basketball Championship (WICB), but in their hour of need at Crystal Palace on Saturday, MIM were found wanting.

The Scots failed to produce the goods in their semi-final against Bayer Leverkusen.

Their irritation will be exacerbated if the SBA continue to withold their support of a team whose average winning margin in the league exceeds 67 points a game this season.

The three-year contract which Joedy Gardner, their coach, is half-way through was signed on the condition from David Murray, his chairman, that MIM would be competing in Britain by the end of it. If Murray fails to get his way, he has promised to put his money elsewhere.

With the 5ft 9in Byrd — who has incidentally dispelled rumours that he is about to move to the French club, Gravelines — marking the 6ft 7in Wadehn, Gardner's tactics were curious, to say the least. Was it a mistake, he was asked? "Not really," came the reply. But Jim Kelly, the Leverkusen coach, was far from convinced. "You need more than six players if you're going to win tournaments," he insisted. Clearly MIM will need greater depth if they are permitted to pit their wits against the English clubs next season.

RESULTS: Men: Semi-final: MIM Livingstone 106, Bayer Leverkusen 114. Third place play-off: Solna 99, MIM, 93. Fifth place: Porto 113, BCP London 102. Junior men: Final: São Paulo 97, Solna 75. Third place play-off: Manchester United 94, Lambeth 64. Women: Third place: BCP London 79, Vienna 77.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Disgrace for Finn

Matti Nykanen, the world and Olympic ski jumping champion, has been ordered home to Finland from the annual Four Hills competition in Austria for unruly behaviour.

Nykanen, fourth in the World Cup standings after finishing ninth in Garmisch-Partenkirchen on Thursday, but regarded as one of the finest ski jumper ever, has a drinking problem, his trainer said.

Arrowing in

Bob Anderson scooped the £5,000 first prize in the MFI British Open Darts championship yesterday to serve notice on Eric Bristow that he is ready to take over his mantle as the world's finest player. After Bristow was knocked out by Jonathan Overton, Anderson romped to his second major title in just over a month over Steve Cusick, of Lancashire, in Kensington.

Bristow: under threat

May beaten

Neil Smith, the Queen's *professional, won his first* under-24 rackets singles title when he beat Charles May, nephew of Peter May, chairman of England's cricket selectors, 15-5, 15-4, 15-5. Julian Snow won the under-24 real tennis title for the third time when he beat Peter Brake, the Seacourt professional, 6-2, 6-4, 6-0 in the finals at Queen's Club yesterday.

Aerial slip

Tragedy struck June Short, a newcomer to freestyle skiing, after she had won the aerials title during the British championships at Saalbach, Austria yesterday, when she went out again for practice, fell heavily and broke a leg as her binding failed to release. Miss Short, from Ratcliffe, near Manchester, was formerly a trampoline expert.

Home snub

Igor Belanov, named European Player of the Year last week, failed to win the vote of the Soviet football writers, who preferred Aleksandr Zavarov, his Dynamo Kiev club colleague.

Oops comrade

Czechoslovakia staved off a late two-goal third period rally to upset the Soviet Union yesterday and win the gold medal of the Calgary Cup ice hockey tournament 3-2. Canada beat the United States 6-1 for the bronze medal.

Time will tell if delight can last

By Simon Barnes

I have seen the future, and it is going to be agony. The agony will be shot through with moments of delight, moments that will make the agonies yet more piercing. Yes, the great British tradition of tenterhook tennis seems to be in safe hands. In years to come, we shall still be saying, as we do every year: "Surely she can't lose now?" Oh, can't she? Don't ever underestimate a British tennis player when it comes to losing.

On Saturday, I watched the girls' final of the Prudential junior covered court championships at Queen's Club. Prudence was not, I think, the outstanding characteristic of either Sarah Loosemore or Sally Timms. Miss Loosemore faltered when 3-1 down in the first set by completing her service game with a double fault. Miss Timms scented blood. What does a British player do when she scents blood? She comes over faint, that's what. Miss Timms lost her own service game with a double fault on the last point.

What British girls like is adversity. In adversity, Miss Loosemore started to play cracking tennis, and she won the first set 6-3. In the second set, she scented blood. Guess what happened? Miss Timms won the second set 6-2. Miss *Timms scented blood,* and Miss Loosemore had to play in adversity. Guess what? Miss Loosemore won the final set 6-0. "I wasn't nervous today," she said afterwards. I'm glad about that. I would hate to watch her when she was nervous.

There was no sign of the Florida face of stone, nor of the Czechoslovakian face of she who admits nothing. Inscrutability was out. The match was full of squeeking and terrible stamps, and when things got worse, the girls cried things like "Nyunnagh!". They rolled their eyes, sighed like furnaces, shrugged their shoulders up past their ears, gave themselves the most terrible tellings-off in a ferocious mutter and when they missed their shots every line of their bodies seemed to say, "Now look what God made me do!"

Loosemore: not nervous

As a pure exhibition of tenterhook tennis, *it was quite* perfect. And actually, Miss Loosemore is a tremendous tennis player. The tournament was for girls aged 18 and under. Miss Loosemore won it at 15, making it her third national title. She has terrific potential and what is more, she is a delight to watch. She is charming and graceful, and she likes to go for her shots: she is no base-lining metronome.

"Well, I've been up and down all week," she said afterwards. What British player is not? Her next career move is her mock O levels, and then the real thing in the summer. After that, she doesn't know. She plays tennis in the lunch hour at school. Once a week her mother drives her four hours there and back *for an hour's coaching.*

So is her attacking game a product of coaching? "Oh no, I've always liked to go forwards. It's just that before, I always missed." But on Saturday, she mostly hit. When her game is hot, it is a real treat. Her opponent is two years older but had no answer to those hot streaks. But hot streaks come and hot streaks go. Like all British tennis players, in every singles match she plays Miss Loosemore has to defeat two opponents: one on each side of the net.

It is, mercifully, too early for Miss Loosemore to have to pick up the burden of a nation's annual hopes. All we can say so far is that she is a quite tremendous prospect. And when you are 15, nobody knows how you will be at 25. She might develop the mental strength of an elephant and the killer instinct of a tigress. Who can say? On Saturday she gave us all great pleasures and great British agonies. At 15, anybody might achieve anything. Even consistency.

RESULTS: Boys: Final: D Sapsford (Surrey) bt M Petchey (Essex), 7-6, 6-4. Doubles: J Hunter (Surrey) and Petchey bt D Kirk (S Lincolnshire) and N Pashley (Surrey), 6-4, 6-1. Girls: Final: S Loosemore (S Wales) bt S Timms (Essex), 6-3, 2-6, 6-0. Doubles: C Bateman (Essex) and A Simpkin (Leics) bt A Niepel (Lancs) and N Topper (Yorks), 6-1, 6-2.

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